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*The Town of Lancasters Book*  
1725.







Monday (y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> of March 1725/6. the Inhabitants of Lancaster meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House it being y<sup>e</sup> annual meeting for choice of Town officers & first chose Deacon Joseph Wilder moderator for said meeting. and then y<sup>e</sup> old select men gave an account of their proceedings y<sup>e</sup> last year Relating to several accounts with the Constable, Town Treasurers & y<sup>e</sup> minister & charge of y<sup>e</sup> church for making a Rate y<sup>e</sup> last year - then a list of y<sup>e</sup> names of the persons which y<sup>e</sup> select men Apprehended were not qualified for In said meeting was read

- 2 the Town voted for a Clerk & chose Jonathan Houghton (Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing who was then sworn to said office.
- 3 the Town voted to choose 5 select men & accordingly proceeded and chose Joseph Whitlock Ephraim Wilder Thomas Carter Oliver Wilder & Henry Houghton select men for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 4 the Town voted & chose John Bennett Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 5 the Town voted & chose Gabriel Prent Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 6 the Town voted & chose Benjamin Wilson Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 7 the Town voted & chose William Sawyer Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 8 the Town voted & chose John Beaman Jun<sup>r</sup> & Sam<sup>l</sup> Warner Pything men for the year ensuing
- 9 the Town voted & chose John flecher & Joseph Whitlock Junr - Servants of Highways for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 10 the Town voted & chose Joseph Fairbank & Jeremiah Wilson - Servants for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 11 the Town voted & chose Phubal Baley & Benjamin Houghton Junr fence viewers for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 12 the Town voted that y<sup>e</sup> accounts brought in to y<sup>e</sup> Town by select men shal be Entered by y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerk -
- 13 the Town voted & chose John Harries Ebenezer Harries John Warner & Nathaniel Hapgood Haywards or field drivers for the year ensuing
- 14 the Town voted to chose 3 Assessors & voted & chose James Keys Jonas Houghton & Jonathan Houghton Assessors and Jonas Houghton & Jonathan Houghton Desiring y<sup>e</sup> Town to Dismis them from said office they did accordingly Dismis them & proceeded to y<sup>e</sup> choice of two in their Room & chose Samuel Warner and Jos<sup>ph</sup> Whitlock Assessors for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 17 the Town voted to Except of Benjamin <sup>Wilson</sup> to serve for John Bennett Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 18 the Town voted & chose Amos Sawyer Sealer of Wares for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing
- 19 v<sup>rs</sup> were called for to choose a Register & accordingly brought in and Francis Foxcroft Junr was voted or by all y<sup>e</sup> voted & said v<sup>rs</sup> were delivered to y<sup>e</sup> Constable to carry in to y<sup>e</sup> Court as y<sup>e</sup> Law Requires Joseph Wilder Moderator. Entred by Jonathan Houghton (Town Clerk)



march<sup>th</sup> 1- 1725 Benjamin Wilson Gabriel Preijt John Beaman  
 Junior Sam<sup>l</sup> Warner John flecker Joseph Wheelock Jun<sup>r</sup> Joseph fairbank  
 Shubael Baley Benjamin Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> John Warner Nathan Hapgood  
 James Keyes Sam<sup>l</sup> Warner and Abner Sawyer, all sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithful  
 discharge of their respective offices where to they are chosen y<sup>e</sup> day above dated  
 Ebenezer Hurries was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of Hayward or plow driver y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> of march 1725  
 Joseph Asgood was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of Assessor the 18<sup>th</sup> day of march 1725  
 William Sawyer was sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of Town Treasurer y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> day of may 1725

- Monday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> of march 1726 the Town met at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house  
 according to due warning given & first chose Jabez fairbank mode-  
 rator for said meeting  
 2 the Town voted that 27 days shall be paid by y<sup>e</sup> Town to m<sup>r</sup> flagg  
 for his keeping a school in Lancaster before this day  
 3 the Town voted that the present select men provide a school  
 major for one quarter of a year  
 4 the Town voted to make a Rate for Highways for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing  
 5 the Town voted that y<sup>e</sup> Rate for Highways shall be fourty pounds  
 Jabez Fairbank moderator. Entered Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

The accounts of the select men of Lancaster for their manage-  
 ment of y<sup>e</sup> prudential affairs of said Town in y<sup>e</sup> year 1723  
 and spring of year 1725 they made y<sup>e</sup> Rate Granted by said  
 Town & Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Town to y<sup>e</sup> Constable of said Town  
 with warrants Improving them to gather y<sup>e</sup> Town Rates  
 also requiring them to pay into same unto Thomas Carter  
 Town Treasurer the sum total of y<sup>e</sup> several lists were  
 as followeth to Edward Hartwell Constable y<sup>e</sup> sum of 40-00-00  
 to Benjamin Bailey Constable y<sup>e</sup> sum of 28-19-11  
 to Samuel Warner Constable y<sup>e</sup> sum of 34-06-10  
 the whole of said sum is 103-15-00  
 in which sum said select men gave order to said Thomas  
 Carter Town Treasurer to receive & to pay out as followeth  
 1<sup>st</sup> to m<sup>r</sup> Edward Broughton for keeping school 40-00-00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> to Jabez fairbank for services as representative 20-12-00  
 3<sup>rd</sup> to select men for making hats & m<sup>r</sup> flagg 02-00-00  
 4<sup>th</sup> to Edward Hurries for keeping y<sup>e</sup> meeting house 01-15-00  
 5<sup>th</sup> to select men for making hats in y<sup>e</sup> yr 1723-03-00-00  
 6<sup>th</sup> to select men for y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in y<sup>e</sup> winter 02-05-00  
 7<sup>th</sup> to Edward Hartwell Constable for y<sup>e</sup> rate of 40-00-00  
 8<sup>th</sup> to Jabez fairbank for y<sup>e</sup> rate of 28-19-11



(20 Nathan Howes for two shillings for making a pair of stocks 00-08-00  
 (20 John Prentice for plank for Bridge - - - - - 00-14-00  
 (20 Committes for Bridge - - - - - 32-00-00  
 In witness whereunto the said selectmen have signed their  
 hands in said Towne Capt. Thomas's four pound  
 binding the same to be drawn out of said Towne shall give out  
 But if select men have made no knowing with said Thomas's  
 may much of time in which he is obliged to pay a considerable  
 part of his payments if not yet expired: then we have received  
 of the said Mr. John Prentice on the 18th of February 1723 a Receipt  
 a full discharge of the whole of his said bill for the year 1722  
 and have the same delivered to the Town Clerk to be  
 and in the year 1724 the select men making Rates wanted by the Town &  
 committed the said John Prentice to pay the same with a receipt  
 from the select men for the same to be paid in full by the  
 said Rates on the first day of July following which he has done  
 and made up their accounts with the select men for the year 1722  
 other Town Rates to the said John Prentice on the 18th of  
 February 1724 with him by the said select men to the  
 Rates are as follows: £ to James Houghton for table  
 His ministers Rate is - - - - - 32-04-01  
 His Town Rate is - - - - - 15-17-10  
 His other Town Rate is - - - - - 21-02-08  
 His other Town Rate is - - - - - 14-05-00  
 His other Town Rate is - - - - - 24-03-10  
 His other Town Rate is - - - - - 12-01-06  
 The Town Rate being partly for the said John Prentice and partly  
 for the other Town Rates which he has received an order to receive  
 from the select men to pay out of his pocket  
 To the said James Houghton for table 08-00-00  
 To the said John Prentice for table 20-00-00  
 To the select men for making Rates - - - - - 03-10-00  
 To the said John Prentice for making Rates - - - - - 01-15-00  
 To the said John Prentice for plank - - - - - 00-12-00  
 To John Prentice - - - - - 00-08-00  
 To John Prentice - - - - - 01-16-00  
 To Ebenezer Deaman for making of a pair of stocks 00-07-00  
 To Ebenezer Deaman for making of a pair of stocks 06-01-00  
 The select men also Reconciled with the Reverend Mr. John Prentice  
 on the 18th of February 1724 and Received a Receipt of him in the  
 Behalf that the said Mr. Prentice had Received full of his salary  
 to the first of July 1724 and delivered said Receipt to the Town Clerk  
 to Record - they have also taken a list off of the Invoice of such  
 do not pay twenty pence to a single Rate for the present year & do  
 herewith present it to the select men



The sum of the sum of 5 pence to each school & 2  
 of that at Stepney built and that at Newhall or ...  
 do herewith present them to y<sup>e</sup> Town & have also Computed y<sup>e</sup> time y<sup>e</sup>  
 school must ought to keep school at ... it 1104 days  
 out of 365 of a year it will be ... 212 of a year  
 ... 177 days & 660 of a year the above accounts given  
 ... 1724/5: } Joseph Wheeler  
 the above accounts Entered } Samuel Carter  
 by Jonathan Houghton Constable } Josiah White  
 } Ebenezer White  
 } Jonathan Houghton

(The accounts of y<sup>e</sup> select men of Lancaster of their management  
 of y<sup>e</sup> present year of y<sup>e</sup> Town in y<sup>e</sup> year 1725. Begin the  
 calling of y<sup>e</sup> Town Meetings for y<sup>e</sup> choice of a Rector, curate, & for the  
 granting of y<sup>e</sup> Town Rates managing of y<sup>e</sup> school & continuance of y<sup>e</sup>  
 contribution for y<sup>e</sup> Minister &c. which y<sup>e</sup> Town Record set forth  
 they took an invoice in August of y<sup>e</sup> two Directs of y<sup>e</sup> Ratable Estate  
 of y<sup>e</sup> said Town both the said Personall by which Invoice they made  
 the Ratable Tax for one hundred & twenty four pounds six shillings  
 & eight pence and y<sup>e</sup> Ministers Rate of eighty five pounds which  
 they committed to Josiah Wheeler Constable to Collect with a warrant  
 to gather said Ministers Rate: and also to pay in the same to the  
 Reverend Mr. John Bunting: y<sup>e</sup> one half on y<sup>e</sup> first day of January in 1726  
 and y<sup>e</sup> other half on y<sup>e</sup> first day of July next following & to make  
 up y<sup>e</sup> accounts with y<sup>e</sup> select men of y<sup>e</sup> said Town - they also made  
 a County Rate of seven pound fifteen shillings & five pence - they also  
 made a Rate granted by y<sup>e</sup> Town of thirty three pounds six shillings  
 and three pence & committed both to y<sup>e</sup> said Josiah Wheeler Constable  
 with power to collect y<sup>e</sup> same & order to pay it in unto Hooker Esq<sup>r</sup> on  
 y<sup>e</sup> first day of May next: they have  
 paid it out as follows to y<sup>e</sup> said Josiah Wheeler, or his assigns 18-07-00  
 and for serving aff-ffor - - - - - 00-07-04  
 To Mr Thomas Carter for what he over paid when he was Overseer - - 01-19-03  
 To y<sup>e</sup> said Mr Carter for recovering y<sup>e</sup> meeting House - - 01-15-00  
 To y<sup>e</sup> said Mr Carter - - - - - 00-05-06  
 To Jonathan Houghton - - - - - 00-13-00  
 To Jonathan Houghton - - - - - 01-08-08  
 for y<sup>e</sup> building of a Bridge to y<sup>e</sup> said Samuel Carter - - 02-00-00  
 and to y<sup>e</sup> said Jonathan Houghton - - 02-00-00  
 and to y<sup>e</sup> said Josiah Wheeler - - 02-00-00  
 and to y<sup>e</sup> said Josiah White - - - - - 02-00-00  
 total 33-06-03



(The select men have also Reconciled with James W. m. m. m.  
 (Down) in year 1722. I find that he hath Received of Town  
 in full of 9 Crown Rats & 200 Grant for 1/2 Bridge in the north  
 part of the same according to his order - said select men have also  
 with Thomas Carter (Down) in year 1723 I find that  
 he hath paid out of whole of what he hath received to pay out.  
 01 1723-03 1724 they have also Reconciled with James W. m. m. m.  
 for year 1724 I find that he hath paid out some money  
 & not all so as that they could not complete the account with him  
 (Then have also Reconciled with m. m. m. & brought him for the year for  
 keeping school I find he hath kept school in neck 150 days & at Mill  
 River 75 days & he hath Received of Town money 15 00  
 whereof he hath Returned to Town m. m. m. 5 00  
 The select men also Reconciled with J. Keveron in John's notice  
 the last day of February 1725 & I find that same Houghton  
 Clerk in Town and Constable have cleared their parts & that  
 Jonathan Fairbanks Constable hath agreed to pay what was committed  
 to him to Collect - there hath been the ears of three grown woolley  
 Heds cutt off in presence of some of the select men & Constable  
 of Town one of the woolley was taken by James a lawyer and  
 the other two by ~~two~~ James & Henry a farmer for which there  
 hath been no bill filled by the select men -

The above accounts given in writing by Jonathan Houghton  
 Samuel Willard } Select men  
 Joseph Willard }  
 Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk }

- Monday 16 of May 1726 the inhabitants of Danvers met at a meeting  
 house according to the warning given & first voted to know if the Town  
 would choose a moderator by holding up of hand & it was unanimously  
 and then the Town voted to choose James Willard moderator for the meeting  
 Then the select men caused a warrant to be writt which came from the Sheriff  
 of our County Requiring the select men of our Town to call a warning  
 meeting to choose a Representative or Representatives for the year 1726  
 and then the warrants which the select men gave to the Constable to warn a  
 meeting for the choice was read by Constable he turn upon them was a list  
 which signified that they had warned all persons qualified to vote  
 for a Representative to meet on said day at a meeting house in Danvers  
 3- the Town voted to make a Rate of fifty pounds to be laid out  
 upon a school as the Town so cany.  
 4- they voted that the fifty pounds now Granted for the maintaining of a  
 school be divided to each part of the Town according to the pay  
 belonging to each part to be improved in schooling so soon after  
 the quarter of a year that m. m. m. is now keeping school just  
 as conveniantly they can - then the meeting was adjourned  
 for Halfe an Hour



(Then y<sup>e</sup> select men came y<sup>e</sup> Lawes relating to a Representative. & y<sup>e</sup> qualification of voters to be Recd. & then they called to y<sup>e</sup> persons present to bring in their votes for a Representative & accordingly votes was brought in. & Deacon Joseph Wilder was chose Representative to Represent y<sup>e</sup> Town at a great & Generall Court to be holden & kept for his majestys service at y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston upon wednesday y<sup>e</sup> twenty fifth day of May Current - -

Then y<sup>e</sup> Town came into some discourse about Building a new meeting House. for which there was due warning given. & it was voted to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Build a new Intire meeting House. & it was carried in y<sup>e</sup> negative. James Wilder Moderator. Entred - -

Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Monday y<sup>e</sup> 22 of August: 1726. the Town meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House Being warned thereto by y<sup>e</sup> Constable in order to chooe threemen to serve on y<sup>e</sup> petty Jury for tryal at y<sup>e</sup> next Inferior Court of comon pleas: & Court of y<sup>e</sup> Generall Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> peace. to be holden in Concord on y<sup>e</sup> last tuesday of y<sup>e</sup> August Current: & then y<sup>e</sup> Town chose James Snow Joseph Benitt & Gamaliel Beaman to serve as above said. Entred y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

The copy of a warrant for calling a Town meeting y<sup>e</sup> followeth &c  
Lancaster January y<sup>e</sup> 9. 1726. To Benjamin Wilson Constable of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster Greeting: These are in th<sup>e</sup> majestys name to Require you to warn y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> said Town in your precinct to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> said Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 23 of January Current at Eight of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon. then & there to Consider Conclude & act what may be proper to be done in order to make an addition to y<sup>e</sup> Sallery of y<sup>e</sup> Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentiss our p<sup>r</sup>son. A competent number of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> said Lancaster moving to y<sup>e</sup> said Subscribervs we do also Require you said Benjamin Wilson to warn y<sup>e</sup> said freeholders & other Inhabitants as above said to meet at y<sup>e</sup> time & place as above said. to Consider Conclude & act what may be proper to be done in order to Build a new meeting House or meeting Houses. & to be built of such a Demention or Dementions y<sup>e</sup> shall be judged most proper. & that y<sup>e</sup> place or places where y<sup>e</sup> said House or Houses shall be sett be appointed. or that y<sup>e</sup> present meeting House be enlarged. & that a Tax or Taxes be granted by said Town for y<sup>e</sup> Ends above said. and also to chooe a comitte to manage y<sup>e</sup> same. & to lett out to workmen. or other wise as y<sup>e</sup> said Town shall think fitt: and in case y<sup>e</sup> said Town Devide that then A suitable settlement or settlements be provided for a minister or ministers as y<sup>e</sup> said Town shall think fitt. and also to grant a Town Rate for defraying of all Town Charges. - - -

(The other warrant, y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> same of this above mentioned except y<sup>e</sup> Constables name.

Entred y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Ephraim Wilder  
Joseph Whelock  
Henry Houghton  
Thomas Carter  
Oliver Wilder

Select men



The Return of said warrant is, followeth: Lancaster January 23: 1726.  
pursuant to y<sup>e</sup> within warrant I haue warned y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of said Town within my precinct to meet at y<sup>e</sup> time & place  
appointed. Benjamin Wilson Constable off y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster.  
The Returne of y<sup>e</sup> other warrant is y<sup>e</sup> same as above said except y<sup>e</sup> Constable name  
Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

- Lancaster monday y<sup>e</sup> 23 of January: 1726, at a meeting of the  
freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town on due warning given  
by a warrant from select men to y<sup>e</sup> Constable of said Town, said warrant  
being duly returned the voters were brought in for a moderator & being  
formed it appeared that Deacon Joseph Wilder was chosen moderator  
for said meeting by a major vote off y<sup>e</sup> Electors present: who proceeded to  
the further opening of said meeting: & in y<sup>e</sup> first place proposed y<sup>e</sup> first thing  
in y<sup>e</sup> warning was: whether it were not convenient to make some addition  
to y<sup>e</sup> salary off y<sup>e</sup> Reverend Mr John Prentice our present minister -  
and after said matter had been fully considered the question was put  
whether fifteen pounds should be added to y<sup>e</sup> salary off y<sup>e</sup> said Mr Prentice  
for y<sup>e</sup> present year & more with y<sup>e</sup> next minister: Ratified y<sup>e</sup> affirmative  
by 2 they proceed to consider of Building two meeting houses & after some  
debate the second question was put whether y<sup>e</sup> Town will now proceed  
to y<sup>e</sup> Building of two meeting houses: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative.  
by 3 they took into consideration y<sup>e</sup> Building of a new meeting house.  
and after a full debate of y<sup>e</sup> matter the question was put -  
whether y<sup>e</sup> Town will now proceed to Build a new meeting house  
and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative.  
by 4 they took under their Consideration y<sup>e</sup> Enlargement of the  
present meeting house: & after y<sup>e</sup> matter had been fully  
argued the question was put whether y<sup>e</sup> Town will Enlarge  
the present meeting house: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative.  
by 5 a motion being made that a committee of seven men should be  
appointed to Consider how said meeting house should be enlarged  
and what method y<sup>e</sup> Town should proceed in y<sup>e</sup> enlargement  
and what sum might be proper to be granted by said Town for  
said use: & Report thereon to y<sup>e</sup> Town which was resolved by y<sup>e</sup>  
Town & voted that Ensign Josiah White Capt Ephraim Wilder  
Mr Joseph Sawyer Mr Jonas Houghton Lieut James Wilder  
Mr James Keyes & Mr John Wright: be y<sup>e</sup> Committee to whom y<sup>e</sup>  
the matter be referred.  
by 6 they voted that y<sup>e</sup> meeting be adjourned to meet next com<sup>ing</sup> seven  
= night: to nine off y<sup>e</sup> clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning - accordingly the meeting  
was adjourned to said time. Joseph Wilder moderator  
Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster January 9<sup>th</sup> first: 1726/7: the freholders & other Inhabitants of  
 Town mett at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House: upon an adjournment from y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January  
 1726: & the accounts of several persons were brought in: to signify that y<sup>e</sup>  
 Town were in debt to them: & y<sup>e</sup> perticuler debts were as followeth: Viz  
 To Isaac Joseph Wilcox for serving Representative - - - - - 01 - 00 - 00  
 To y<sup>e</sup> widow Ann Ross for sweeping y<sup>e</sup> meeting House. - - - - - 01 - 15 - 00  
 To y<sup>e</sup> Appoyors for making of Rates for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1726 - - - - - 02 - 18 - 00  
 To Josiah Wheeler Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of Joseph Whetcomb - - - - - 01 - 00 - 07  
 To Jonathan Sawyer Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of Joseph Whetcomb - - - - - 01 - 04 - 02  
 To Josiah Wheeler Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of Uriah Holt - - - - - 00 - 17 - 00  
 To Jonathan Houghton for serving as Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1726 - - - - - 01 - 10 - 00

1 The above written accounts being read to y<sup>e</sup> Town  
 the question was put whether they would Grant a Town Rate of - 10 - 04 - 09  
 and it passed in the affirmative.

Then y<sup>e</sup> Committee which was appointed to Consider y<sup>e</sup> addition to y<sup>e</sup> present  
 meeting House: & to say how it should be enlarged: & how much money they  
 think must be Expended for y<sup>e</sup> addition: Brought in their opinion as follows  
 The Committee for enlarging y<sup>e</sup> meeting House. having taken that affair  
 into their Consideration are humbly of opinion that there be twenty  
 foot added at one end & further foot at y<sup>e</sup> back side: & that y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
 House be lett out to a man or men to finish & Compleat the same -  
 We are likewise of y<sup>e</sup> opinion that y<sup>e</sup> Repairing of y<sup>e</sup> meeting House will  
 Cost at y<sup>e</sup> least three hundred pounds. Lancaster January 31: 1726/7

2 The question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would enlarge y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
 House according to y<sup>e</sup> Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committee: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> Negative  
 order of y<sup>e</sup> Committee: Josiah White.

3 The question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would add twenty foot  
 to one end of y<sup>e</sup> meeting House: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

4 The question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Choose a Committee to Lett  
 out y<sup>e</sup> addition & what will be necessary to be don to y<sup>e</sup> old or present  
 meeting House in order to y<sup>e</sup> finishing y<sup>e</sup> same to make it most accomadable  
 to meet in: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

5 the question was put to know whether Capt Peter Joslin be one  
 of y<sup>e</sup> Committee: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

6 The question was put to know whether m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Wheeler be one of y<sup>e</sup>  
 Committee: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

7 The question was put to know whether Lieut Jabez Farbank be  
 one of y<sup>e</sup> Committee: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

8 The question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant a Rate of  
 one hundred pounds to pay to y<sup>e</sup> work man or men that should make y<sup>e</sup>  
 addition to y<sup>e</sup> meeting House: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

9 The question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> hundred pounds <sup>Rate</sup> now granted  
 be made by y<sup>e</sup> last years Invoice: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

10 The question was put to know whether or y<sup>e</sup> time to be sett for  
 the paying in of y<sup>e</sup> hundred pounds to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer be left  
 to y<sup>e</sup> select men: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative. - - - - -



11 The question was putt to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant 40  
Shillings to Benjamin Wilson Conytable: & twenty Shillings to Gabriel  
Preist Conytable for Gathering of y<sup>e</sup> Hundred pound Rate: & that the  
y<sup>e</sup> forty Shillings & twenty Shillings be putt into y<sup>e</sup> above y<sup>e</sup> Hundred  
Pound Rate: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - -

12 The question was putt to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant ten  
Shillings to y<sup>e</sup> Town Rate to pay y<sup>e</sup> Assessors for making of y<sup>e</sup> above  
Hundred pound Rate: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - -  
Joseph Wilder moderator: Entred y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk

Lancaster March 6<sup>th</sup> 1726, then reckoned with Capt<sup>r</sup> Ephraim  
Wilder. Mr Thomas Carter & Mr Oliver Wilder select men. &  
I have received the whole of my salary till July 5<sup>th</sup> 1725 -

the above is a true Coppy of a Receipt Entred y<sup>e</sup> John Prentice.  
Jonathan Doughton

Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1726, the free Holders & other Inhabitants  
of Lancaster being meet at y<sup>e</sup> annuall town meeting for Choyce  
of Town officers - - and then y<sup>e</sup> select men gave in their accounts of their  
last years proceedings which is as followeth viz- (The accounts of y<sup>e</sup> select men  
of Lancaster of their managment of y<sup>e</sup> Prudentiall affaires of said Town  
in y<sup>e</sup> year 1726 - Beside y<sup>e</sup> Calling of Town meetings for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Repre  
sentative & for y<sup>e</sup> Granting of Town Rates &c. - we have given m<sup>r</sup> William  
Sawyer Town Treasurer an order to Receive of Benjamin Wilson Conytable  
the sum of - - - - - 105 - 15 - 07

and of Gabriel Preist y<sup>e</sup> sum of - - - - - 057 - 19 - 02

and to pay out said sum of money as followeth viz-

to y<sup>e</sup> Committee that are appointed & Chose to lett out y<sup>e</sup> addition to y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House for said Committee to pay y<sup>e</sup> workmen or man that shall make y<sup>e</sup> addition  
said Committee are as followeth namely Capt Peter Joslin. m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Wheeler  
and Lieut Jaber Fairbank the sum of - - - 100 00 - 00

to Decon Joseph Wilder for serving Representative y<sup>e</sup> sum of - - - 1 - 00 - 00

to y<sup>e</sup> widow Anna Ross for sweeping y<sup>e</sup> meeting House y<sup>e</sup> sum of - 1 - 15 - 00

to y<sup>e</sup> Assessors for making of Rates for y<sup>e</sup> year 1726 y<sup>e</sup> sum of 3 - 08 - 00

to Josiah Wheeler for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of Joseph Whetcombs y<sup>e</sup> sum of - 1 - 00 - 07

to Jonathan Sawyer for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Whetcombs y<sup>e</sup> sum of 1 - 04 - 02

to Josiah Wheeler for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of Josiah Holth y<sup>e</sup> sum of - 0 - 17 - 00

to Jonathan Doughton for serving Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year 1726 y<sup>e</sup> sum of 1 - 10 - 00

we have also Reconned with m<sup>r</sup> Oliver Wilder Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1724  
and said Oliver Wilder hath paid out y<sup>e</sup> whole of money according to his  
orders Except the sum of six pounds six shillings & six pence which is yett  
in his Hands - - -

we have also given order to y<sup>e</sup> said William Sawyer to pay unto y<sup>e</sup>  
said Benjamin Wilson for gathering his part of y<sup>e</sup> 100 £ Rate y<sup>e</sup> sum of 2 - 0 - 0

& to y<sup>e</sup> Gabriel Preist for gathering his part of y<sup>e</sup> 100 £ Rate y<sup>e</sup> sum of 1 - 0 - 0



we have also Record with y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice and he hath Recieved y<sup>e</sup> whole  
of his salary to y<sup>e</sup> first day of July - 1725 - - - - -

there hath bin the Ears of Grown wolves Cutt in y<sup>e</sup> presence of some of us  
by y<sup>e</sup> Constables of said Town said wolves were taken by John Benitt & Joseph  
Whelooke Jun<sup>r</sup> -

we have also warned Josiah Pratt to Depart out of y<sup>e</sup> Limits & Bounds of y<sup>e</sup>  
Town of Lancaster - February 24 - 1726/7

Ephraim Wilder  
Joseph Whelooke  
Henry Houghton  
Thomas Carter

} Select  
men

at the said meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 6 of march 1726/7 - first they brought in their voats for a  
moderater. & Jacob Houghton was choosen moderater for said meeting - - -

2 there was a warrant Red for y<sup>e</sup> Choice of a Grandjuror to serve a y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs  
& voats was Cald for by y<sup>e</sup> Constable & accordingly brought in & James Snow was Chosen  
3 the question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Chose seven select men  
for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing. & it passd in y<sup>e</sup> negative - - - - -

4 the question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Chose five select men  
for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing. & it passd in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

5 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of five select men. & accordingly brought in  
& Josiah White Henry Houghton Joseph Wilder Samuel Carter & Jonas Houghton  
was Chosen select men for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing - - - - -

6 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Town Clerk & accordingly brought in &  
Jonathan Houghton was Chosen Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing

7 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> west side of y<sup>e</sup> River. and  
accordingly brought in & Oliver Wilder was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing  
the said Oliver Wilder being present at said Choyce Refused to serve as Constable  
then y<sup>e</sup> moderater of said meeting. asked said Oliver Wilder if he Refused to pay  
the five pounds a y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs - & said Oliver Wilder said he did Refuse -

8 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> River on y<sup>e</sup>  
north side of Rhode. & accordingly brought in & Thomas Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> was  
Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing - - - - -

9 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> River  
& on y<sup>e</sup> south side of y<sup>e</sup> Rhode. & accordingly brought in & John Whitney was  
Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing - - - - -

10 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> west side of y<sup>e</sup> River  
and accordingly brought in & John Goss was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year  
Ensuing - - - - -

11 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a servaier of Highways & accordingly  
brought in & Capt Samuel Willard was Chosen a servaier for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing -

12 voats was Cald for for a servaier of Highways. & accordingly brought in &  
Benjamin Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen servair for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing -

13 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of another servair. & accordingly brought  
in & Josiah Johnson was Chosen servair for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing -

14 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of another servair. & accordingly brought in  
& Jabez Fairbank Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen servair for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing -

15 voats was Cald for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Pythingman & accordingly brought in  
& Samuel Warner was Chosen Pythingman for y<sup>e</sup> year Ensuing - - - - -



16. voats way Caled for for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a nother Pythingman & accordingly brought in & John Wilder way Chosen Pythingman for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing - - - -  
 17. voats way Caled for for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of two fence viewers & accordingly brought in & Jonathan Sawyer & Robert Phelps way Chosen fence viewers for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing  
 18 voats way Caled for for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a Down Breapurer & accordingly brought in & Capt Samuel Willard way Chosen Down Breapurer for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing - - - -  
 19 the Down voted to lett swine Run at large <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing - - - -  
 20 voats way Caled for for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of four Hoggreaves & accordingly brought in & Ebenezer Beaman Ephriam Sawyer Jonathan Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> & Thomas Booker way Chosen Hoggreaves for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing - - - -  
 21 voats way Caled for for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a dealer of Leather & accordingly brought in & John Beaman Jun<sup>r</sup> way Chosen dealer of Leather for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing - - - -

Jacob Houghton Moderator - - -  
 Entred p Jonathan Houghton Down Clerk

march <sup>or</sup> 6. 1726, John Whetney & John Goss way sworn to <sup>or</sup> office of Constables and Josiah Johnson to <sup>or</sup> office of servair of Highways - - - -  
 march <sup>or</sup> 9. 1726, Ebenezer Beaman & Jonathan Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> were sworn to <sup>or</sup> office of Hoggreaves - and Robert Phelps to <sup>or</sup> office of fence viewer & John Beaman to <sup>or</sup> office of dealer of Leather. and Jonathan Houghton to <sup>or</sup> office of Down Clerk -  
 march <sup>or</sup> 20. 1726, Capt Samuel Willard way sworn to <sup>or</sup> office of Down treasurer  
 march <sup>or</sup> 28. 1727 Gabriel Priest way sworn to <sup>or</sup> office of Constable in <sup>or</sup> Room of Thomas Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>. being allowed of by <sup>or</sup> Down - - - -  
 may <sup>or</sup> 10. 1727 Jabez fairbank Jun<sup>r</sup> & Benjamin Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>. were sworn to <sup>or</sup> office of servairs of Highways: Entred p Jonathan Houghton Down Clerk - - -

Laneafter march <sup>or</sup> 28. 1727 the free holden & other Inhabitants of <sup>or</sup> Down meet according to due warning given. & <sup>or</sup> warrant for said meeting being Red. and <sup>or</sup> return thereon signed by <sup>or</sup> Constable. - the select men Caled for voats for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a moderator & they way brought in. & Jabez fairbank way Chosen but said Jabez fairbank Refused to serve. - then <sup>or</sup> select men Caled again for voats for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a moderator. & they way brought in & Joseph Wilder way Chosen - but said Joseph Wilder Refused to serve. - then <sup>or</sup> select men Caled again for voats for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a moderator. & they way brought in. & Joseph Huchins way Chosen. but said Joseph Huchins Refused to serve. - then <sup>or</sup> select men Caled again for voats for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a moderator. & they way brought in & Ebenezer Wilder way Chosen. but said Ebenezer Wilder Refused to serve. - then <sup>or</sup> select men Caled again for voats for <sup>or</sup> Choyce of a moderator. & they way brought in. & James Wilder way Chosen moderator. - and after Considerable debate whether those persons that did not pay twenty pence to a single Rate should voat in said meeting. the question way put to know whether they should be allowed to voat. & it passed in <sup>or</sup> affirmative - - then <sup>or</sup> question way put to know whether <sup>or</sup> Down would Grant a Rate of fifty pounds to be expended in <sup>or</sup> maintenance of a school or school for <sup>or</sup> year Enyuing. & it passed in <sup>or</sup> affirmative.



Then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would divide said fifty pounds Rate to each part of <sup>the</sup> Town according to <sup>the</sup> pay of their peticoler parts to be spent in schooling as <sup>the</sup> money was <sup>the</sup> last year & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town give leave for men to enlist to <sup>the</sup> school at Mill River & Bare Hill & that school at Wataquadock & to bring in their lists to <sup>the</sup> select men at or before <sup>the</sup> meeting that is to be in May next & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative -

Then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> above<sup>d</sup> fifty pounds Rate be made by <sup>the</sup> next August invoice & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative

Then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would except of Gabriel Priest Constable in <sup>the</sup> Room of Thomas Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative

Then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would Grant a Rate of forty pounds to be wrought out in High ways & byways & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative

then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> said forty pounds Rate be made by <sup>the</sup> last years Invoice & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative -

then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would Grant a Rate of forty pounds to be made by <sup>the</sup> next Invoice which, forty pounds is to be added to <sup>the</sup> one hundred pounds Rate to pay for <sup>the</sup> addition granted to <sup>the</sup> meeting House & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative

then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would build a new meeting House - and it passed in <sup>the</sup> negative.

Then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would make an addition on <sup>the</sup> Back side of <sup>the</sup> meeting House & it passed in <sup>the</sup> negative - - - -

then<sup>y</sup> question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would allow three shillings & man a day for working at <sup>the</sup> High ways & one shilling & six pence for a yoke of oxen & twelve pence for a Horse & nine pence for a Cart & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative - James Wilder moderator Entred <sup>for</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster May<sup>y</sup> 10. 1727 at a meeting of <sup>the</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified according to Charter. met at <sup>the</sup> meeting House for <sup>the</sup> Choyce of a Representative & after <sup>the</sup> Reading<sup>y</sup> precept & warrants & Returns Edward Broughton Qualified him self by taking <sup>the</sup> oath that he had an Estate of freehold within the Province to <sup>the</sup> value of forty shillings per annum & then voats was called for for <sup>the</sup> Choyce of a Representative & accordingly brought in & Capt Samuel Willard was Choozen Representative for said Town of Lancaster - - - -

Entred <sup>for</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster August<sup>y</sup> 22. 1727 at a meeting of <sup>the</sup> Inhabitants of said Town voats was called for for <sup>the</sup> Choyce of three good lawfull men to serve on <sup>the</sup> petty Jury at Concord on <sup>the</sup> last Tuesday of August Current & m<sup>r</sup> Hooker Osgood Lieut James Wilder & m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Houghton were Choozen for said Jury - - Entred <sup>for</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster November 10. 1727. at a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified according to Charter. meet at the meeting House - for the Choice of a Representative. & after the Reading of the precept & warrant, and Return of the Constable thereon. voats was called for. for the Choice of a Representative. & accordingly brought in Mr Capt Samuel Willard was choosen Representative. Entred p<sup>o</sup> John Houghton Town Clerk.

Lancaster December 20. 1727. the freeholders & other Inhabitants - of said Town being meet according to due warning given as appeared by the warrants & Returns upon them being brought in & Read - - -

- 1<sup>st</sup> the Town voated & Choose Mr John Wright moderator - - -
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would grant a Rate of Seven - teen pounds ten shilling & eight pence. to pay the select men for taking the valuation & for making of Rates. & to pay the widow Anna Ross for sweeping the meeting House. & it passed in the affirmative. - - -
- 3<sup>rd</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would grant to Mr Prentie the pew at the foot or next to the pulpit stairs & it passed in the affirmative. -
- 4<sup>th</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would grant a Rate of - twelve pounds for the Towns use. & it passed in the negative. - - -
- 5<sup>th</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would grant a Rate of ten pounds for the Towns use. & it passed in the affirmative. - - -
- 6<sup>th</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would grant Jonathan Houghton twenty shillings for serving Town Clerk for the year 1727 and it passed in the affirmative. - - -
- 7<sup>th</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would let the meetinghouse by the old seating & adding the ministers yearly gallery & the pay for the new addition to the said meetinghouse. & it passed in the affirmative. - - -
- 8<sup>th</sup> the question was put to know if the Town would Choose nine men for a Committee. to let the said meeting House. & it passed in the affirmative. - -
- 9<sup>th</sup> the Town voated & Choose Jacob Houghton Joseph Coggood Jonathan more. Heretiah Willard. James Keys. Jabez Fairbank. Caleb Sawyer. Capt Samuel Willard. & Leiv<sup>th</sup> James Wilder for the Committee to let said meetinghouse. - - -
- 10<sup>th</sup> the Town voated that the said Committee. shall dignifie the seats in the meeting house -
- 11<sup>th</sup> the Town voated that thirteen men be seated in a seat in the body of seats - -
- 12<sup>th</sup> the Town voated that ten men be seated in a seat in the front gallery. and twelve men in a seat in the side gallery - - -
- 13<sup>th</sup> the Town voated that it be left to the said Committee. to let aged persons as they shall think Convenient & Decent - - -

John Wright moderator.

Entred p<sup>o</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster february 21<sup>st</sup> 1727/8 then ReConed with Joseph Wilder Esq  
and m<sup>r</sup> Jonas Houghton select men and I have recieved of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
of Lancaster the whole of my fallery till July the first one Thousand  
Seven Hundred & twenty Seven - witness my hand John Prentice - - -  
(The above is a copie of a Receipt Entred by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

monday y<sup>e</sup> 4 of march 1727/8 the freeholders & other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
of Lancaster qualified according to Law (being duly warned) met at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house  
& voted & chose Jonathan Sawyer Grandjuror for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing - - - - -

monday y<sup>e</sup> 4 of march 1727/8 the freeholders & other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Lancaster qualified according to Law meet at y<sup>e</sup> meetinghouse according to due warni  
giving it being the annual meeting for choyce of Town officers - - - - -

the Town voted & chose Jabez fairbank moderator for said meeting - - - - -  
then y<sup>e</sup> select men brought in their accounts of their manangement of y<sup>e</sup> prouential  
affaires of y<sup>e</sup> Town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1727 which are as followeth - viz - - - - -

April y<sup>e</sup> 23 they gave order to William Sawyer Town Treasurer to pay out y<sup>e</sup> school  
Rate as followeth - to Henry Houghton y<sup>e</sup> sum of - - - - - 15 - 5 - 8  
to Jonathan More the sum of - - - - - 13 - 19 - 6  
to Sammel Carter the sum of - - - - - 23 - 02 - 6  
they then also gave orders to Oliver Wilder to pay to John Kendoll - 3 - 3 - 6  
and to Hannah Goodesbery - - - - - 3 - 3 - 0  
it being money left in his hands for y<sup>e</sup> use of y<sup>e</sup> poore as may be seen by y<sup>e</sup> select  
mens account for y<sup>e</sup> last year - - - - -

They also took a valuation of y<sup>e</sup> poly & Ratable Estate within y<sup>e</sup> Town both  
Reall & Personal & delivered it to the Commishoners - - - - -

They also made a Rate of one hundred pounds for y<sup>e</sup> minister - & Committed Lists  
to y<sup>e</sup> Conytable with power to Collect y<sup>e</sup> same & orders to pay it in to the  
Reverend<sup>m</sup> John Prentice at two entire payments - viz. one the first of January  
& the other the first of July - the summs to each Conytable are as followeth

afterwards - They also made a Rate of forty pounds for finishing y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House & ordered y<sup>e</sup> Conytable to pay it in to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer y<sup>e</sup> first of

December - (They also made a <sup>school</sup> Rate of fifty pounds & ordered it to be paid  
by y<sup>e</sup> Conytables in to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer of y<sup>e</sup> Town by y<sup>e</sup> first of february

They also made a Town Rate of twenty eight pounds ten shillings & eight  
pence - & ordered y<sup>e</sup> Conytables to pay it in to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer y<sup>e</sup> first of march

John Goss his ministers Rate is - - - - - 41 - 8 - 4  
his School Rate is - - - - - 20 - 13 - 4  
his Town Rate is - - - - - 11 - 11 - 4  
his meeting house Rate is - - - - - 16 - 3 - 4



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John Whetney his ministers Rate y	25	14	4
his School Rate y	12	16	7
his meeting House Rate y	7	18	4
his Town Rate y	7	8	5

Gabriel Priest his ministers Rate y	32	17	4
his School Rate y	16	10	1
his meeting House Rate y	13	18	4
his Town Rate y	9	10	11

They also made a Highway Rate. & a County Rate & a Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Province  
 They also then Reconed with y<sup>e</sup> Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice & took his Receipt  
 for y<sup>e</sup> whole of his Gallery till y<sup>e</sup> first of July. 1727

Capt Samuel Wisland Town Treasurer was ordered to Receive y<sup>e</sup> meeting House Rate  
 and y<sup>e</sup> Town Rate & the school Rate. & to pay it out as followeth. viz

the meeting House Rate to y <sup>e</sup> Com <sup>t</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> meeting House	Capt Joslin	40	0	0
The Town Rate. to Henry Houghton		2	16	0
To Samuel Carter		2	14	0
To Josiah White		2	16	0
To Jonas Houghton		3	4	0
To Joseph Wilder		3	17	6
To m <sup>r</sup> Broughton		0	8	0
To Anne Ross		1	15	0
To Jonathan Houghton		1	0	0
and ten pounds to Remain in his Hands till further order				
The School Rate to Jonathan more		12	19	4
To m <sup>r</sup> Prentice		13	4	1
To them that Keep y <sup>e</sup> school in y <sup>e</sup> Town		23	0	7
To William Sawyer		0	15	9

They also Reconed with Hooker Orgood Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer for the year 1725  
 & find by his Receipt that he hath paid according to his order £36 - 6 - 3  
 being y<sup>e</sup> whole of what was Committed to him

They have also Reconed with Oliver Wilder Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1724 & are  
 fully satisfied that he hath paid y<sup>e</sup> Remainder of y<sup>e</sup> Town Rate left in his Hands  
 being £6 - 6 - 6 as ordered my other five

Lancaster march y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1728

Joseph Wilder	} Select men
Samuel Carter	
Josiah White	
Jonas Houghton	
Henry Houghton	

(The above y<sup>e</sup> Entred y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster



- at a Town meeting on <sup>th</sup> 4. of march - 1727/8: 2 the question was put to know if the Town would Choose five select men & it passed in the affirmative - - -
- 3 votes was called for for the choice of five select men. but it being tryed by a vote of the Town it was carried to bring in votes but for one man at once. & after considerable tryal & no choice made the Town Reconsidered said vote & voted to bring in votes for five select men at once -
- 6 votes was called for for the choice of five select men & brought in & Samuel Carter Bezaleel Sawyer Jonathan Houghton Jacob Houghton & Thomas Carter were chosen
- 7 votes was called for for the choice of a Town Clerk & brought in & Jonathan Houghton was chose
- 8 votes was called for for the choice of a Constable on the west side of the River & brought in & Oliver Wilder was Chosen Constable - - -
- 9 votes was called for for the choice of a Constable on the East side of the River & on the north side of the Rhode. & brought in & James Atherton was chose Constable - - -
- 10 votes was called for for the choice of a Constable on the East side of the River & on the south side of the Rhode & brought in & Jeremiah Wilson Junr was chosen Constable
- 11 the Town voted to chose the other Town officers by voting by hand - & accordingly chose Joshua Osgood James Houghton Joseph Willard Jabez Beaman & John Sawyer Surveyors of Highways for the year ensuing - - -
- Then the Town chose Hooker Osgood J<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer for the year ensuing - -
- Then H Ezekiah Willard & Daniel Rugg was chosen Tything men for the year ensuing
- Then John Divol & Benjamin Houghton were chosen fenceviewers for the year ensuing - -
- Then Amos Sawyer was chosen sealer of leather for the year ensuing - - -
- Then Edward Broughton David Osgood John Nicols & Joseph Wheelock Junr were chosen Hogg reeves for the year ensuing - - -
- Then the Town voted to Lett swine Run at large for the year ensuing - - -

Jabez fairbank moderator

Entred ~~p~~ Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk for Lancaster - -

march 4. 1727/8 the account of the Town officers for the year ensuing that have taken their oaths to their respective offices. are as followeth

Hooker Osgood J<sup>r</sup>. Oliver Wilder Jeremiah Wilson Junr. James Atherton. James Houghton. Joseph Willard. John Sawyer J<sup>r</sup>. Joshua Osgood. Jabez Beaman. Ezekiah Willard. Daniel Rugg. John Divol Benjamin Houghton. Edward Broughton. David Osgood. Joseph Wheelock Samuel Carter. Bezaleel Sawyer. Jonathan Houghton. Jacob Houghton. Thomas Carter & Amos Sawyer. were all sworn to their respective offices before Joseph Wilder Justice of the peace. Entred ~~p~~ Jonathan Houghton Clerk



Here followeth the Copy of the warrant for calling a Town meeting

Lancaster march the 18<sup>th</sup> 1727/8

To Oliver wilder Constable of the Town of Lancaster greeting  
These are in his majesties name to Require you to warne the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants (qualified according to Law) which are in your precinct  
to meet at the meeting house in <sup>the</sup> Lancaster on wednesday the third of April  
next at eight of the Clock in the forenoon there & there to Consider. Conclude  
and act what may be necessary to be done in order to & in making an addition to  
the salary of the Reverend Mr John proutie our present Pa<sup>r</sup>son & teacher  
and also to Conclude & act of the Town shall see Cause in taking out of the Town  
part of ~~the~~ £60000 pounds bills of Credit: & in Choosing trustees to fetch  
part of sd bills of Credit: and in disposing of the same as the Town shall  
Cause agreeable to the act in that behalf made  
also to Consider. Conclude & act what may be thought proper & convenient in  
granting a schoole Rate for the support of a school in said Town  
also to do what may be necessary to be done in granting a Rate for Highways  
you are hereby Required to make Return of your doings on this  
warrant to some one of us the subscribers full ten days before  
time of the meeting

Jamuel Carter  
Bezaleel Sawyer  
Thomas Carter } select  
men

The above said Entred of Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster  
Here followeth the Copy of the Return of the aforesd warrant

Lancaster march 21: 1727/8  
In obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all  
the persons (qualified to vote &c.) within my precinct to meet at time  
and place as directed &c. -- Oliver wilder Constable

The other warrants & Returns are the same of this Except the  
Constables names &c. --

The above said Entred of Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster



- Lancaster April 3-1728 the free holders & other Inhabitants qualified according to Law being meet according to due warning given they proceeded to Choyce of a moderator. & Chose Jacob Houghton moderator for said meeting
- 2- the Town voted to add fifteen pounds more to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Prentices fallery so as to make his yearly fallery one hundred pounds
  - 3- the question was put to know if the last years Invoice should be by Rule to try who shall be voters in meeting. to know if the Town would bring in their part of 60 thousand pounds of Billof Credit: which was four hundred & seventy one pounds & five shilling, & it passed in affirmative
  - 4- (The question was put to know whether the Town would bring into Town their part of said sixty thousand pounds ~~and~~ It passed in affirmative. -
  - 5- (The question was put to know if the Town would Chose three trustees to fetch up the money belonging to the Town. & it passed in affirmative -
  - 6- vote was Called for for Choyce of three trustees. and accordingly brought in & Jonathan Houghton Thomas Carter & Capt Samuel Willard was Chosen trustees for the Town -
  - 7 The Town voted that the trustees shall not tell said money out under ten pounds nor above twenty pounds to any person -
  8. the question was put to know if the Town would grant a Highway Rate of fifty pounds. & it passed in negative. -
  - 9 the question was put to know if the Town would grant a Highway Rate of sixty pounds. & it passed in negative. -
- Then the meeting was adjourned by a vote of the Town unto the third wednesday of may next. to ten of the Clock in fore noon

Jacob Houghton moderator - Entred & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster  
 Lancaster may 15-1728. the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town meet at the meeting house upon adjournment from the 3. day of April last

- 1 the question was put to know if the Town would Grant a Highway Rate of forty pounds. & it passed in the affirmative. -
- 2 the question was put to know if the Town would Grant Liberty & power to the select men to add what was behind in the old Highway Rate. on to the said forty pound Rate. & also those that had overpaid to be Entred on said Rate. & it passed in affirmative
- 3 the question was put to know if the Town would Grant a fifty pound School Rate. & it passed in affirmative. - Jacob Houghton moderator  
 Entred & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster may 15-1728. the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified according to law meet at the meeting house in order to chose a Representative. & after the meeting was opened the Law Relating to the Choyce of a Representative was Read & the warrants for the meeting & the Return upon them by the Constables were Read. vote for a Representative was Called for & accordingly brought in & M<sup>r</sup> Josiah White was Chosen Representative  
 Entred & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster August 25-1728. the freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
said Town meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house according to due warning given & the  
Town proceeded to y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of four men to serve on y<sup>e</sup> Jury of <sup>at a Court</sup> Trials to be  
holden at Concord on y<sup>e</sup> Last Tuesday of August Current. & Chose Joseph  
Hacking Hooker Osgood Jm<sup>t</sup> Samuel Warner & William Sawyer . . . . .  
and on y<sup>e</sup> above said 25. day of August the Town being meet according to warning  
given by y<sup>e</sup> select men <sup>& Jonathan more choosen moderator</sup> after a considerable discourse Referring to a petition  
of Capt. William Generson (for a new County) being served with a Copy of  
y<sup>e</sup> same. the Town voted that their Representative be directed that  
in Case y<sup>e</sup> superiour Court be holden at marlborough. & two Inferiour  
Courts be holden at Lancaster annually. that then he farther the  
propofall - but in Case y<sup>e</sup> Courts Cannot be so stated. then to offer  
such objections as y<sup>e</sup> select men shall furnish him with . . . . .  
then y<sup>e</sup> meeting was adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> annual meeting in march next for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce  
of Town officers - Jonathan more moderator. Entred p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton  
Town Clerk

Lancaster wednesday the 27 of August. 1728. the freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of said Town of Lancaster being meet according to due warning given.  
and after the warrant for calling said meeting was Read. & the Town thereon  
they Chose Leiv<sup>t</sup> James Wilder moderator for said meeting . . . . .

2. the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> Town would give y<sup>e</sup> select men order to Rekon  
with y<sup>e</sup> Committee that lett out y<sup>e</sup> addition to y<sup>e</sup> meeting house. & to pay them  
a part or all the ten pounds that is now Lodged in y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasury. as the  
said select men shall find it Expended towards the finishing y<sup>e</sup> meeting house  
and it passed in the affirmitive . . . . .
3. the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant m<sup>r</sup> Hooker Osgood & James  
Wilder & Jonas Houghton. thirty three shillings for what they did for y<sup>e</sup> Town  
in Exchanging of Land with Justice Whiting & it passed in the affirmitive . .
4. the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant forty five shillings  
to pay the widow Anna Ross for sweeping y<sup>e</sup> meeting house: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmitive
5. the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant four pounds and  
eighteen shillings to pay the Assessors for making Rates for this present  
year. and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmitive . . . . .
6. the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant twenty shillings  
to Jonathan Houghton for servis done as Town Clerk for this present year  
and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmitive . . . . .
7. the question was put to know if the Town would Grant one hundred  
pounds to be paid in to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasury. and to be paid out to y<sup>e</sup> Representative  
by order of y<sup>e</sup> select men as they shall see it necessary. till they have further order  
from the Town. and that the Rate for all y<sup>e</sup> money Granted as above said be  
be made by this years Invoice. and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmitive. James Wilder moderator  
Entred p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk . . . . .



- Lancaster February 3<sup>d</sup> 1728<sup>7</sup>. at a meeting of <sup>the</sup> freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town & alised according to Law. being meet at the meeting house according to warning given in Reference to offering a petition to <sup>the</sup> General Court for Erecting a new County in <sup>the</sup> westerly part of <sup>the</sup> County of Middlesex. first the Town voted and Chose Josiah Wheller Moderator for said meeting. and after a Considerable discourse upon <sup>the</sup> matter. Considering how the westerly part of <sup>the</sup> County of Middlesex will be brooken to pieces in case the Towns that are petitioned for by Capt William Geneson should be joined with <sup>part of</sup> Suffolk County (with several other Regions) the question being put to know if the Town would Reconsider their former vote. Referring to said petition of Capt William Geneson. & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative. --
- 2 the question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would Chose some men to act in behalfe of <sup>the</sup> Town in Reference to preferring a petition to <sup>the</sup> General Court in order to their Erecting a new County in <sup>the</sup> westerly part of <sup>the</sup> County of Middlesex. & it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative
  - 3 the Town voted & Chose James Wilder & Jonathan Houghton agents to act for the Town in that affaire. Josiah Wheller moderator.
- Entred <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster February 28. 1728<sup>9</sup> : To the select men of the Town of Lancaster Gentlemen. (These are to signify that I have recieved of the following Constables viz messieurs John Whitney, John Goss & Gabriel Priest the whole of my Gallery for that year which ends July 1<sup>st</sup> 1728. as their Receipts will testifie

John Prentice -

The abovesaid is a copie of a receipt which is Entred <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

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14 Amos Jones was chosen Justice of the Peace.  
15 Aaron Willard Abraham Willard, Stephen Jones & Benjamin Wheeler was chosen.  
16 The town voted to elect Joseph Willard to go down to answer the Dr. Contingent.  
The Green party: Stephen Willard, Benjamin Wheeler, Joseph Willard.  
Town Clerk.

Memorandum an account of the managements of the prudentials of Lancaster by the Police

They made a High water rate of forty pounds & committed Lifts to y<sup>e</sup> Survivor  
Lancaster the Deputies to be wrought out in mending the High water in y<sup>e</sup> Town  
They have also made a provision rate of 111-2-8: & have committed Lifts to  
be collect<sup>d</sup> to collect y<sup>e</sup> said money

Confessors the one half of the sd money on or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of  
but the other half in or before y<sup>e</sup> first of July: 1729.

They have also made a school. 50-0-0-0 Committed: Gifts to the Com.  
The first meeting was held on the 8th of January 1728. —

Chas. J. ...  
to be ... with warrant to ...  
The ...

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On the 17th  
And for keeping School at Still River  
And to Samuel Carter the sum of

And to Jacob H. Houghton SR to be paid the sum of \$100.00  
 Shall keep School all save till the sum of \$100.00  
 And to pay to him that sum of \$100.00







Lancaster Jan<sup>y</sup> 22<sup>d</sup>. 1729/30. ye freholders & other Inhabitants of D<sup>y</sup> Town met according to due warning given by ye select men of D<sup>y</sup> Town as appeared by petition & meeting house & other reading of ye warrant.

1. ye vote was called for and: Jonas Houghton & John medley for ye meeting
2. ye question was whether ye town would raise a rate of thirty eight pounds sixteen shillings: and one penny: for ye supply of ye D<sup>y</sup> Town Treasury: and to pay ye select men for making ye Rates: and to pay ye widow Annas Koff for sweeping ye meeting house And to pay Capt Ephraim Willdor for service done for ye D<sup>y</sup> Town in answering the present mont at Chockstown: Court: and to pay me: Jamo Willdor: and me Jonathan Houghton: And: me Ephraim Willdor: and Jacob Houghton & Thomas Cantor: for service done in for ye D<sup>y</sup> Town: as Agents for bringing on anew County: and it passed in ye negative
3. The town voted: and Deacon James Willdor & Joseph Sawyer and Thomas Cantor were chosen a committee: for to do or for dont what is or shall be needful to: & to take for ye supply of ye D<sup>y</sup> Town: & it passed in ye Affirmative
4. The town voted and approved ye select men: should be allowed to ye D<sup>y</sup> Town: to take of the town: as much as they shall think fit: for ye supply of ye D<sup>y</sup> Town: & it passed in ye Affirmative

Enter p<sup>r</sup> me Joseph of D<sup>y</sup> Lancaster Town Clerk

Lancaster february: ye 9<sup>th</sup>. 1729/30. The freholders and other Inhabitants of D<sup>y</sup> Town — Boing mett According to due warning given as appeared by the warrants And returns upon — Thom being brought in and read: The Town voted and Jeromiah Willson Son was chosen moderator for ye meeting.

1. The question was whether ye D<sup>y</sup> Town would raise a rate of thirty eight pounds sixteen shillings: and one penny: for ye supply of ye D<sup>y</sup> Town Treasury: and to pay ye select men for making ye Rates: and to pay ye widow Annas Koff for sweeping ye meeting house And to pay Capt Ephraim Willdor for service done for ye D<sup>y</sup> Town in answering the present mont at Chockstown: Court: and to pay me: Jamo Willdor: and me Jonathan Houghton: And: me Ephraim Willdor: and Jacob Houghton & Thomas Cantor: for service done in for ye D<sup>y</sup> Town: as Agents for bringing on anew County: and it passed in ye negative
  2. At a meeting of ye Inhabitants of Lancaster agreeably assembled: february: ye 9<sup>th</sup>. 1729/30<sup>th</sup> was voted that the select men of D<sup>y</sup> Town are hereby directed to take Effectual Care yt me: Josiah White ye present representative: be supplied with ye sum of Thirty five pounds out of D<sup>y</sup> Town Treasury to enable him in ye discharge of his duty for this present year
  3. The question was whether ye D<sup>y</sup> Town would pay ye several sums of money yt was due to those in ye forementioned vote: and it passed in ye Affirmative
  4. The Town for good upon all this present meeting to reconsider their first vote: —
  5. And called another <sup>note</sup> meeting for ye raising of a rate of thirty eight pounds sixteen shillings: and one penny: and for ye supply of ye D<sup>y</sup> Town Treasury and to pay necessary charges And on ye <sup>note</sup> ye select men shall make by ye present notice: that was now due: and yt ye select men shall make by ye present notice: And it passed in the Affirmative. Jeromiah Willson moderator
- Enter p<sup>r</sup> Joseph of D<sup>y</sup> Lancaster Town Clerk

Lancaster march<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>. 1729/30. the freholders & other Inhabitants qualified according to Law meet at ye meeting house upon due warning given (it being ye annual meeting for Choyce of Town officers) . and

1. they Chose Jaber Fairbank moderator for ye meeting
2. the warrant for the Choyce of a Grand Juror was Red. & the Town was warned by ye Constable to Chose one. and the votes were brought in & John Beaman was Chosen Grand Juror for the Town

then the select men gave in their accounts to ye Town of their — their manniagement of ye prudential affairs of ye Town in ye year 1729 which are as followeth. viz —



They have made a Highway Rate of £60-0-0 & have Committed  
Lits to the serving of <sup>sd</sup> Lancaster. <sup>sd</sup> Rates to be wrought out in  
mending the Highways in <sup>sd</sup> Town  
they have also made a Province Rate of £115-0-8 & have Committed  
Lits to the Constables to Collect <sup>sd</sup> same

they have also made a ministers Rate of £100-0-0 & have Committed  
Lits to <sup>sd</sup> Constables to Collect <sup>sd</sup> same (viz to John Sawyer the sum of  
£32-6-0. to Jonathan Wheller the sum of £27-8-8 - to Hooker  
or good the sum of £40-5-4) with warrants to Collect <sup>sd</sup> summs  
of money & orders to pay the same into <sup>sd</sup> Rever<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice.  
the one halfe they shall so Levy & Collect on or before the first day  
of January 1729/30. & the other halfe on or before the first day of July  
1730-

they have also made a school Rate of £52-8-0 & have Committed  
Lits to <sup>sd</sup> Constables with warrants to Collect the same & orders  
to pay <sup>sd</sup> money in to <sup>sd</sup> Town Treasurer on or before <sup>sd</sup> first day of  
January 1729/30. John Sawyers part of <sup>sd</sup> school Rate is £15-12-11  
Jonathan whellers part is £13-2-3. Hooker or goods part is £22-13-0 --

They have also made a County Rate of £19-15-9 & have Committed  
Lits to <sup>sd</sup> Constables with warrants to Collect <sup>sd</sup> same - - - - -

They have also made a Computation of <sup>sd</sup> money they have Expended  
and it is paid as followeth viz.

1. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Jam <sup>l</sup> Willard for keeping school on <sup>sd</sup> neck -	£ -	£ 25	- 00 - 00
2. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Jam <sup>l</sup> Willard for keeping school at Still River -		06	- 05 - 00
3. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Jam <sup>l</sup> Carter the sum of -		01	- 19 - 06
4. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Prentice for keeping school at bare Hill -		05	- 04 - 08
5. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Prentice for keeping school at wattagnadock -		07	- 00 - 05
6. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Hooker or good Jonas Houghton & James Wilder -		01	- 13 - 00
7. paid to <sup>sd</sup> widow Anna Ross for sweeping <sup>sd</sup> meeting house -		02	- 05 - 00
8. paid to Jacob Houghton -		00	- 12 - 00
9. paid to Thomas Carter -		00	- 10 - 00
10. paid to Bezaleel Sawyer -		00	- 10 - 00
11. paid to Jonathan Houghton -		03	- 16 - 00
12. paid to Jam <sup>l</sup> Carter -		00	- 10 - 00
13. paid to William Sawyer to Repair m <sup>r</sup> Briant <sup>sd</sup> schoolmaster -		10	- 19 - 00
14. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah White for Extraordinary Charge of Representative -		12	- 00 - 00
15. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Jabez Fox for keeping school on <sup>sd</sup> neck -		12	- 10 - 00
16. paid to m <sup>r</sup> Josiah White according to <sup>sd</sup> order of the Crown -		35	- 00 - 00
17. paid to m <sup>r</sup> James Wilder Bezaleel Sawyer & Thomas Carter for Repairing <sup>sd</sup> Great Bridge over <sup>sd</sup> River at night payed -		20	- 13 - 01
18. paid to <sup>sd</sup> widow Anna Ross for sweeping <sup>sd</sup> meeting house 1729 -		02	- 05 - 00



19. paid to Capt Ephraim Wilder for anyworn a presentment — £ 05-00-00  
 20. paid to Capt Wilder & Jam<sup>d</sup> Carter of Hyeppons — 01-05-06  
 21. paid to Jacob Willard for keeping school at Still River — 06-17-10

They have also Reconed with m<sup>r</sup> Hooker Osgood (Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1728 and find that he hath paid according to his orders the whole of what was committed to him to Receive

They have also taken a Receipt of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice & have given it to y<sup>e</sup> Town Clerk to Record. which Receipt sheweth that he hath Received the whole of his salary to the first day of July - 1729 - -

They have also Reconed with Oliver Wilder Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1728 & find that he hath Cleared with y<sup>e</sup> minister & Town Treasurer -

They have also Reconed with James Albherton Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1728 and find that he hath Cleared with y<sup>e</sup> minister & Town Treasurer

They have also Reconed with Jeremiah Wilson Constable for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1728 and find that he hath Cleared with y<sup>e</sup> minister and Town Treasurer

(February y<sup>e</sup> 28 - 1729<sup>30</sup>) they have also given m<sup>r</sup> Josiah White order to pay to m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Wilder (Town Treasurer) the thirty <sup>five</sup> pounds which he had out of y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasury for the supply of y<sup>e</sup> agents which thirty five pounds y<sup>e</sup> <sup>White</sup> Josiah hath paid in to y<sup>e</sup> Ebenezer Wilder for y<sup>e</sup> Towns use

They have also given orders to y<sup>e</sup> Ebenezer Wilder (Town Treasurer) to Receive in the several sums of money aforementioned & to pay out y<sup>e</sup> same as he shall Receive orders from y<sup>e</sup> Town or select men

They have given y<sup>e</sup> Ebenezer Wilder orders to pay out of y<sup>e</sup> Treasury the several sums following - viz - - - - -

1. to him that shall keep school on y <sup>e</sup> neck	£ 17-00-1
2. to him that shall keep school at wattagnabock	04-00-2
3. to pay him that shall keep school at Barehill	04-15-5
4. to m <sup>r</sup> James Wilder	02-01-3
5. to Jonathan Houghton	02-10-11
6. to Ebenezer Wilder	00-07-6
7. to Jacob Houghton	01-08-8
8. to Thomas Carter	00-08-8
9. to Capt Jam <sup>d</sup> Willard	00-17-0
10. to Joseph Osgood	01-17-6

Jacob Houghton  
 Joseph Osgood  
 Jam<sup>d</sup> Willard } select men

(The above said accounts Entered y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton (Town Clerk)



- after the select <sup>men</sup> had given in their accounts and 2<sup>d</sup> of march of afore<sup>y</sup>
- 3- the question was put whether <sup>y</sup> Town would give Joseph Osgood twenty shillings for serving Town Clerk for <sup>y</sup> year. 1729. & it passed in <sup>y</sup> affirmative
  - 4- the question was put whether <sup>y</sup> Town would Choose five select men and it passed in <sup>y</sup> affirmative
  - 5 votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of five select men & brought in and Jonathan Houghton William Sawyer Hieremiah Willard Hooker - Osgood Jun<sup>r</sup> & John Benitt was Chosen for <sup>y</sup> year ending - -
  - 6- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of a Town Clerk & brought in & Jonathan Houghton was Chosen for <sup>y</sup> year ending - - -
  - 7- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of a Constable on <sup>y</sup> west side of <sup>y</sup> River & brought in & Benjamin Houghton was Chosen. but he Refused to serve & paid his fine of the Law Directs - - -
  - 8- votes was Called for for the Choyce of a Constable on <sup>y</sup> East side of <sup>y</sup> River & on <sup>y</sup> north side of <sup>y</sup> Rhode & brought in & James Willard was Chosen - - -
  - 9- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of a Constable on <sup>y</sup> East side of <sup>y</sup> River & on <sup>y</sup> south side of <sup>y</sup> Rhode & brought in & Thomas Cooker was Chosen. but he agreeing with Jonathan Wheller to serve in his Rhome in case the Town would allow of it. the Town did allow (by a vote) that <sup>y</sup> Jonathan Wheller should be Constable
  - 10- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of a Constable on <sup>y</sup> west side of the River (to serve in the Rhome of <sup>y</sup> Benjamin Houghton) & brought in. and Ebenezer Beaman was Chosen - - -
  - 12- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of six servants of Highways and brought in & Joseph More. Joseph Whetcomb. Seth Walker Jonathan Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan More Jun<sup>r</sup> & Joshua Houghton was Chosen - -
  - 11- votes was Called for for <sup>y</sup> Choyce of a Town Treasurer and brought in & m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Sawyer was Chosen - - -
  - 13- votes was Called for for the Choyce of two tything men & brought in & James Butler & John Harries was Chosen - - -
  - 14- the Town voted & Chose Peter Eltherton & John flecher - fence viewers - -
  - 15 Amos Sawyer was Chosen Dealer of Leather - - -
  16. Joshua Church John ~~Whitney~~ Witherbey Peter Joslin & Amos Knight was Chosen field Drivers - - -
  17. the question was put whether <sup>y</sup> Town would allow <sup>y</sup> select men for laying out of Highways for <sup>y</sup> year past & for <sup>y</sup> future a day for <sup>a</sup> day to be sett off in High way work & it passed in <sup>y</sup> affirmative.
  - 18 the question was put whether <sup>y</sup> Town would Grant a Highway Rate of Eighty pound & it past in <sup>y</sup> affirmative - - -



then in answer to <sup>the</sup> proposal of Oliver Wilder which was that the Town would Chain the High way that goes by the south side of his Lot where he now lives for one to go upon <sup>the</sup> north side of <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Lot

17. the Town voted that <sup>the</sup> select men do view the High way proposed for by <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Wilder to be moved. & to stake it out on <sup>the</sup> north side of his Lot. in Case it be not a Country Road. in Case <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Oliver Wilder doth mend <sup>the</sup> way (when it shall be staked out) so far through <sup>the</sup> my Land beyond or on <sup>the</sup> west side of his house as the select men shall appoint. which vote was Carried in <sup>the</sup> affirmative

Entered <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk <sup>Jabez Fairbank Moderator</sup>

all the aforesd Town officers forty year. 1730 of whose oath & oath is by Law Required: have been sworn to the faithful discharge of their respective offices. by Joseph Wilder Esquier. & it is entered this twenty sixth day of may. 1730 <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

The Copie of a warrant for Calling a Town meeting is as followeth. viz. -  
Do Ebenezer Beaman Constable of the Town of Lancaster <sup>acting</sup>  
These are in His majesties name to Require you forthwith to wame the freeholders & other Inhabitants of <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town of Lancaster within your precinct that are qualified according to Law to vote in Town affairs. to meet at <sup>the</sup> meeting house in <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town on Monday the Eighteenth day of may Currant at nine of <sup>the</sup> Clock in <sup>the</sup> forenoon then & there to Choose four men to Call <sup>the</sup> trustees of <sup>the</sup> £ 50000 lone money to an account. or act any other way. so that <sup>the</sup> Town may know what money is due to <sup>the</sup> Town out of <sup>the</sup> Intrest. & so to dispose of it as <sup>the</sup> Town shall think fitt when <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> trustees are paid for their trouble also to Consider Conectiv & act what may be necessary to prevent the encroching upon in or over any High way beyway streator Road in <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town. & also to act & do what may be thought proper to be done in order to Remove all & every Incroachment or Incumbrance that is all redely made upon in or over any way or Road as aforesd and also to petition <sup>the</sup> Court of General sessions of <sup>the</sup> peace that a Country Road may be laid out through the Town of <sup>the</sup> How. and that the <sup>1st</sup> Road already laid out within <sup>the</sup> Town of Lancaster as it is Recorded in the Town Book. & the Road to Groton be Recorded in <sup>the</sup> County Records

you are alike Required to wame the free holders & other Inhabitants of <sup>the</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town in your precinct that have an Estate of freehold in Land within this Province. of forty shillings per annum at least



or other Estate to the vallew of fifty pounds sterling. to meet at the  
time & place as above mentioned then & there to Elect & Depute one or more  
persons being free holders & Resident in this Town. to serve for &  
Represent<sup>y</sup> Town in a Great & General Court or assembly to be holden  
& kept for his majesties service at Cambridge upon wednesday the  
twenty seventh day of May Currant. - - - - -

also to consider Conclude & act what may then be thought proper to  
be done to set off a part of y<sup>e</sup> Town of y<sup>e</sup> Lancaster by meets and  
bounds. & all along a deviding line to be made. begining at  
the south end of y<sup>e</sup> road near to the House of Samuel Wilson. &  
Run west north west to y<sup>e</sup> west line of Lancaster old Township. and  
then begin at y<sup>e</sup> first mentioned. & Run south east & by east to  
the East line of y<sup>e</sup> Township. or so much Land lying on y<sup>e</sup> northerly side  
of y<sup>e</sup> Causey as may be Judged sufficient for to make a Township with  
that part of stow & Gorton. whose Inhabitants have agreed &  
Covenanted with the petitioners: Namely. John Lawyer John Nicols  
Herrickiah Willard John Priest Jun<sup>r</sup> Stephen Houghton Simon Altherton  
Henry Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>. James Whetcomb Isaiak Whitney John Whitney  
Robert Foxhett Jonathan Crouch John Witherbey Benjamin Altherton  
Uriah Holt Joseph Altherton. Joshua Church Henry Willard Jun<sup>r</sup> -  
Joseph Willard Samuel Rodgers Seth Walker Abraham Willard Samuel  
Rodgers Jun<sup>r</sup> John Willard & Jonathan Whitney - - - - -

also to add to the hundred pounds that y<sup>e</sup> Town payz to the Reverend  
m<sup>r</sup>. John prentice yearly. so much of the Town shall think proper & convenient

also to Grant a School Rate for y<sup>e</sup> year Enuing

also to make satisfaction to such men as have had any Lands taken into  
the byways that way Brought into y<sup>e</sup> Town the Last annual March  
meeting for choyce of Town officers. & Excepted of by y<sup>e</sup> Town

Dat Lancaster may y<sup>e</sup>. 13. 1730

the other warrants as the  
same of this above written  
Except the Constables names

William Lawyer  
Hooker Osgood  
Herrickiah Willard  
John Bennitt  
Jonathan Houghton

Select  
men

Entered y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk - - - - -

Lancaster may y<sup>e</sup>. 18. 1730<sup>th</sup> the Town meet at the meeting house according  
to the above said warrant. & when the warrants were Read & the Returns on  
them by y<sup>e</sup> Constables made. The Town then Chose James Wilder - -  
moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
2. the question was put whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would grant the Trustees for  
the 500000 Lone money. thirty shillings Each by y<sup>e</sup> year for the time they  
have spent & shall necessarily spend in y<sup>e</sup> service. & it passed in the affirmative



- 3 the question was put to know if the Town would Choose three men for a Committee to Call the sd trustees to an account. & it passed in the affirmative
- 4 The Town voted & chose Jacob Houghton Jabez Fairbank & Samuel Carter for sd Committee
- 5 the question was put whether the sd Committee shall Call sd trustees to an account. & Receive the money of them that is due to sd Town & Deliver sd money to sd Town. or as they shall order. when Called thereto. and it passed in the affirmative
- 6 the question was put to know whether the Town shall have all Differences that are happened between Samuel Willard & sd Town about Incumbrances on over or upon any Highways, Byways or Lanes to the award & Judgment of three men that shall be Interpreters in sd Lancaster. & their award to be a final & conclusive Benjamin Prentiss Esq to be the man agreed on. both by sd Town & by Cap<sup>t</sup> Jam<sup>s</sup> Willard and sd Town to Choose one man more. & Cap<sup>t</sup> Willard the other - The Town Chose - William Ward Esq. & Cap<sup>t</sup> Willard Chose - Frances Pullum Esq. & in Case the sd arbitrators say that the Land that Cap<sup>t</sup> Willard hath fenced in on sd out side or below the ditch where the fence of sd Land Caller sd night = pasture formerly stood. be sd Cap<sup>t</sup> Willards. then the Town is to pay sd Charge of sd arbitration. but if otherwise said. Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Willard to pay the Charge thereof: the award being given in to sd select men or such men as sd Town shall appoint at on or before the first day of october next: & it passed in the affirmative.
- 7 The question was put to know if the Town would Choose two men for a Committee to go to the General sessions of sd peace to get a Country Road through flow & to get the Country Road in sd Lancaster both to flow and Groton Recorded in sd County Records as they are now Laid out in sd Lancaster. & sd two men to manage in the Towns behalf the Difference with Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Willard. & to Receive the award of said Benjamin Prentiss William Ward & Frances Pullum Esqs as above said and to bring it in to sd Town their next meeting after sd first of october next. & it passed in the affirmative
- 8 the Town voted & chose m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fairbank & Joseph Wilder Esq for sd Committee to get the Country Roads upon Record. & to manage in sd Towns behalf the Difference with Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Willard. & to Receive the award of the arbitrators as above said. & to bring it in to sd town
- 9 the Town proceeded to sd Chayer of a Representative. & votes was Called for by sd select men: for sd Chayer of a Representative. & accordingly brought in. & m<sup>r</sup> Josiah White was Chosen &c.



10 the Town voted by deviding the pole (in answer to y<sup>e</sup> petition of John Lawyer & others) to know whether they would sett off a part of y<sup>e</sup> Town as sett forth in y<sup>e</sup> warning of y<sup>e</sup> meeting in their first Request. & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative -

11 the Town voted to know if they would sett off that part of the Land mentioned in the warning which lyeth only East side of pencook River and it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative

12 the Town voted to know whether they would add fifty pounds for the year ensuing. to the hundred pounds that they pay annually to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative

13 the Town voted to know whether they would add thirty pounds for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing. to the hundred pounds that they pay annually to the Rever<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice. & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative -  
then Jonathan Whitney. John Lawyer. John Whitney. John Witherbey, Isaiah Whitney. Jonathan Crouch & John Nichols. Entered their dissent against giving any more money to y<sup>e</sup> Reverend M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice.

14 the Town voted to know whether they would add twenty five pounds for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing. to the hundred pounds that they pay annually to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice. & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative

15 the Town voted to know whether they would add twenty pounds for the year ensuing. to the hundred pounds that they pay annually to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice. & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative

16 the Town voted to know whether the Comitty that are to call the trustees to an account for y<sup>e</sup> Interest of y<sup>e</sup> £50000 Lone money & to Receive the same. shall pay. to y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice the sum of thirty pounds of said morney. & it passed in the affirmative

17. the Town by a vote adjourned this meeting to nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the fore noon on monday this day fortnight: James Wilder moderator  
Entered & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

monday y<sup>e</sup> first of June. 1730. upon adjournement from y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> of may Last pass the Town matt<sup>r</sup> &c. -

1 the question was put to know if y<sup>e</sup> the Town would grant a school Rate of fifty five pounds & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> negative - - - - -

2 the question was put to know whether y<sup>e</sup> Town would Grant a school Rate of fifty pounds & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative - - - - -

3 at y<sup>e</sup> Request of Phemay Wilder & Elias Lawyer to y<sup>e</sup> Town that y<sup>e</sup> bey way to shrewsbury may be altered in some places of it where it goeth through their Land. the Town voted that the Clerk do not Record any off y<sup>e</sup> bey ways that was brought in last annual march meeting. until y<sup>e</sup> select men have agreed with those men that have lands taken away in said bey ways. or brought their proposals to y<sup>e</sup> Town - - - - - James Wilder moderator  
Entered & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Middlesex Js. to Ebenezer Beaman Constable of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster Greeting  
In his majesties name you are hereby Required to wame the freeholders and other  
inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster (in your precinct) that are qualified according  
to Law to vote in Town affairs: to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster on  
friday the seventh of August next at one of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> afternoon. then & there  
to act & do what may be necessary to be done Referring to y<sup>e</sup> several things hereafter  
mentioned. Viz: to shew Cause if any the (Town have) by agents or otherwise on y<sup>e</sup>  
second Tuesday of y<sup>e</sup> next session of y<sup>e</sup> General Court. why y<sup>e</sup> prayer of a petition  
signed by Simon Stone Juner Jonathan Whitney & Thomas Wheller. on behalfe  
of themselves (& as they say on behalfe & at y<sup>e</sup> desire of sundry of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> Towns of Lancaster New & Groton) wherein they pray that a Conjid-  
derable part of y<sup>e</sup> Towns of y<sup>e</sup> Town of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster New & Groton may be Incorporated  
into a distinct & seperate Township should not be granted: - - - - -

you are also to wame those in your precinct to Choose some persons to take  
a survey of y<sup>e</sup> Lands petitioned for within said Lancaster. if y<sup>e</sup> Town se Cause.  
and to do what y<sup>e</sup> Town shall think proper to be done Referring to y<sup>e</sup> petition  
you are also to wame the Inhabitants in your precinct to bring in their Invoice  
to y<sup>e</sup> assessors of y<sup>e</sup> Town (in writing) on said day - - - - -

you are alike Required to make Returne of this warrant with your doings & return  
to some of us y<sup>e</sup> subscribers. before the Hour of said meeting - - - - -

Dated Lancaster July y<sup>e</sup> 31. 1730 .. William Sawyer  
Jonathan Houghton } select  
the other warrants are the same of this Hooker Osgood - men  
except the Constables names. - - - Herekrah Willard  
John Benitt - - -

Lancaster August y<sup>e</sup> 7. 1730 the Town being met according to  
due warning given as above said: they first proceeded to the Choyce  
of a moderator & m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fairbank was Chosen moderator  
then the Constable warned the Town to Choose four men to serve  
on y<sup>e</sup> petit Jury at Concord on y<sup>e</sup> last Tuesday of August Current  
and votes was called for & brought in & John Priest Jonathan  
Whitney & John Whitney was Chosen. but y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Whitney  
desired y<sup>e</sup> Town to dismy him which they directly then did  
then votes was called for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of two more. & Amos Sawyer  
& Benjamin Wilson was Chosen - - - - -

2 the question was put whether the Town would shew Cause why the prayer  
of the petition of Simon Stone Jun<sup>r</sup> & others should not be granted. and  
it payed in the affirmative - - - - -



3 The question was put whether the Town would Choose five men as a Committee in behalfe of the Town. to take a survey of that part of the Land petitioned for in Lancaster: & what Distance the Inhabitants of said Lands. live from the place of publick worship and. how far from the place that the petitioners have (as they informe us) Concluded to sett their meeting House. and also to find whether the petitioners be the major part of what is petitioned for. both as to persons and Estates - and also to make som Computation who owns the proprietie. and to <sup>give</sup> Reasons on the whole to the Court (in the Towns behalfe) and it passed in the affirmative. - then the Town voted that the Representative in behalfe of the Town ~~do oppose~~ said petition - - - - -

then the Town proceeded to the Choyse of said five men & Chose - Joseph Wilder Esq. m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton. Jonathan Sawyer. Joseph Huchings. & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jam<sup>l</sup> Willard for said Committee - then the Town voted that the Representative do oppose said petition in behalfe of y<sup>e</sup> Town Entred p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk & Jabez Fairbank moderator

The Copy of a warrant for Calling a Town meeting is as followeth

Middlesex ss

To Ebenezer Beaman Constable of the Town of Lancaster Greeting  
These are in His majesties name to Require you forth with to. warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants within the Town of Lancaster (in your precinct) to meet at the meeting House in Lancaster. on Monday the twenty third day of November - Current at nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the fore noon then & there to Consider Conclude & act. what the Town shall think proper to be done & acted. Referring to y<sup>e</sup> severall things hereafter mentioned (viz) to shew Cause if any the Town have by agents or otherwise on the first Thursday of y<sup>e</sup> next sessions of the General Court. why the prayer of a petition signed by Jonas Houghton. Simon Stone Jun<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Whitney & Thomas Wheller may not be Granted. wherein they pray that a Certain tract of Land (with the Inhabitants thereon) belonging to the severall Towns of Lancaster & Groton. beginning at y<sup>e</sup> southerly End of the Caueway near the House of Samuel Wilson in Lancaster and Running west northwest about one mile after Lancaster River. then beginning at the afore said Caueway and Running southeast & by East to Lancaster East Line, then Running **Northerly** on the East line until it comes to Bever Brook. then Running down said Brook to Littleton line. then Running on y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> line to the northwesterly Corner of said Littleton on Brown Hill. then north westerly till it comes to



Capt Prescotts sawmill standing on Sandy Brook & thence running a line parallel with Groton South line about one mile over Lancaster River, and then running southerly to the westerly End of the line first mentioned - - - - -

also to act & do what the Town shall think fit relating to the Desire of a considerable number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster: which Request that the Town would keep together (and not join with any other Town or Towns) and that they would come into some way, by a vote of the Town, that there may be two meeting Houses, built & ministers settled (one or later as the Town shall think fit) where said meeting Houses shall be judged most suitable to accomodate the whole Town, & that the Town would pay the Charge of Building & meeting Houses, and settling & maintaining of the ministers Equally out of the Town Treasury, or as the Town shall think fit & Convenient

also to Consider Conclude & act what may be necessary to be done Referring to the Country Road, & also to prevent the Incroachment upon in or over any High way, bye way, street or Road in the Town; and also to act & do what the Town shall think proper to be done in order to remove all & Every Incroachment or Incumbrance that is all Ready made upon in or over any way or Road of above said: & make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us the subscribers two Days at the least, before the Hour of said meeting, as you will answer your default in that matter - Dated Lancaster Nov<sup>ber</sup> 13-1730

the other warrants were the same of this except the Constables names & they were all Red: & the Returns on them and then the Town

John Benitt	} Select men
Hooker Osgood	
Jonathan Houghton	

proceeded to the Choice of a moderator (on the said twenty third day of November being met according to the above said warning) and Joseph Wilder Egg was chosen <sup>moderator</sup> but he Refusing to serve - & the Town Chose Capt Samuel Willard moderator for 2<sup>d</sup> meeting & he excepting

3. the question was put to know if the Town would, new Cause by agents or other ways (at the General Court) why the prayer of a petition signed by Jonas Houghton & others (as above said) - should not be Granted, and it passed in the affirmative
- 4 the Town voted to choose two men as agents for & in behalfe of the Town to make objection to sd petition, &c. - - - - -



5. <sup>r</sup> James Key, was nominated & put to vote to be one of <sup>d</sup> agents. & it passed in the negative - - - - -
  - 6 Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> was nominated & put to vote to be one of said agents. & it passed in the affirmative; but he Refusing to serve
  - 7 Jonathan Houghton was nominated & put to vote to be one of said agents. & it passed in the affirmative. but he Refusing to serve
  - 8<sup>th</sup> James Wilver was nominated & put to vote to be one of said agents. & it passed in the affirmative. - - - - -
  - 9 Capt Samuel Willard was nominated & put to vote to be one of the <sup>said</sup> agents. & it ~~passed~~ <sup>prayed</sup> in the affirmative - - - - -
  10. it was put to vote to know if the Town would Choose one man more to Joyn with <sup>the</sup> other two agents. & it passed in the negative
  - 11 the Town by a vote adjourned this meeting about nine of of the Clock in the fore noon on Monday the thirtieth Day of said November. 1730 to meet at <sup>the</sup> meeting House in <sup>the</sup> Lancaster
- Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard moderator
- Entered <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk - - - - -

- Monday the thirtieth Day of November. 1730 according to the adjournment of the Town meeting from the twenty<sup>four</sup><sup>th</sup> of November. the free Holders & other Inhabitants qualified according to Law met.
- 1 In answer to the proposal of Jacob Houghton & others who Desire that <sup>the</sup> Town would do something in order to their relief. Relating to building a meeting House. voted that the Town are free & willing that the East part of the old Township of Lancaster be set <sup>off</sup> & made a separate Township. if <sup>the</sup> General Court so Cause: viz: one halfe of said Town. Runing a line near a South & north point. Runing parrallel with the west line of said old Township at four miles Distance there from, the Inhabitants of Each Town to be Rated for their Improvements in the Town where they Respectively dwell: which vote passed in the affirmative
  - 2 the question was put whether the Town would abate that part of Joseph Wilder's Esq<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> Jabez fairbanks instructions as to the Country Road through stow: & it passed in the affirmative
  - 3 the question was put to know if <sup>the</sup> Town would leave the difference between the Town & Capt Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard. about the Land that <sup>the</sup> Capt Samuel Willard hath fenced in below the right next to the Judg<sup>mt</sup> of three men in Lancaster. & in case that they Judge that it is not <sup>the</sup> Capt Willard's then <sup>the</sup> three men to set <sup>the</sup> value of said Land. & <sup>the</sup> Capt Willard to pay for it: & it passed in the negative



- 4 The question was put to know if the Town & J<sup>d</sup> Capt Willard do leave all the differences about J<sup>d</sup> Land between the night pasture & the River & all other differences to the aforesaid three Gentlemen as before agreed: only that Capt Samuel Willard maketh Choyce of M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Hunt of Littleton. in Case he doth not bring the aforesaid Francis Pullum Esq<sup>r</sup>. & the award of two of them to be a final Issue. & said award to be given in to the agents of the Town (in that affair) before the last Tuesday of January next: and it passed in the affirmative -
- 5 the Town voted that the select men give the Town Treasurer order to pay the men that made objection to the petition of Simon Stone & others the sum of six pounds & six shillings -

Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Moderator

Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

The Copy of a warrant for calling a Town meeting is as followeth: viz.

Middlesex ss-

To Ebenezer Beaman Constable of the Town of Lancaster. Greeting: In his Majesties name you are hereby Required to warr<sup>e</sup> the free holders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster. that are within your precinct: that are qualified to vote in Town affairs: to meet at the meetinghouse in said Town of Lancaster on Monday the first day of february next at eight of the Clock in the fore noon then & there to Grant a Town Rate to pay what the Town are indebted unto the Assessors for making of Rates for the year 1730. & for sweeping of the meetinghouse and to all others to whome the Town is indebted. and to Grant so much more money as there may be occasion for - for the Towns use -

you are alike Required in his Majesties name to warr<sup>e</sup> the free Holders & other Inhabitants of said Town. that are in your precinct: that have an Estate of free hold in Land - within this Province or territory of forty shillings at y<sup>e</sup> least per annum. or other Estate to the value of fifty pounds sterling. to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in said Lancaster on Monday the first day of february (as above said) at Eleven of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the forenoon: then & there to Ele<sup>t</sup> & Depute one or more persons (being freeholders & Resident in the same Town) to serve for & Represent them in a Great & General Court, or Assembly appointed to be Convened, Held & Kept. for his Majesties service at y<sup>e</sup> Court house in Boston. upon the Wednesday the tenth day of february next at nine of the Clock in the morning, & so de die in diem. during said session & sessions. and mak



Return of this warrant with your doings there on, to some one of us the select men of Lancaster, two days at <sup>least</sup> before <sup>the</sup> hour of said meeting. Dated January 22-1730/31

The other warrants are the same of this except of Constables names. & they being all Read and the Return of the Constables upon <sup>being meet according to warning given</sup> the Town proceeded to the Choyce of a moderator, & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder was chosen moderator -

Jonathan Houghton  
John Bennitt  
Hooker Osgood  
H Ezekiah Willard  
William Sawyer

select men

- 2- The question was put whether the Town would Grant the assessor ten pounds & three shillings for their making all of Rats in the year 1730. & it passed in the affirmative -
- 3- The question was put whether the Town would Grant the widow Anna Ross forty five shillings for sweeping & meeting house the year 1730 - and it passed in the affirmative -
- 4- the question was put whether the Town would Grant Jonathan Houghton forty shilling for servy done for the Town as he was Town Clerk in the year 1730 - & it passed in the negative -
- 5- The question was put whether the Town would Grant Jonathan Houghton thirty shillings for servy don for the Town as he was Town Clerk in the year 1730 - & it passed in the affirmative -
- 6- the question was put whether the Town would Grant James Key Joseph Osgood & Samuel Warner twenty four shillings for their attending on the Commisioners in the year 1727: & it passed in the affirmative -
- 7- the question was put whether the Town would Grant James Wilder (as he was agent for the Town; to make objections to the petition of Jonas Houghton & others) for ten days fifty shillings and for his expences fifty eight shillings: & it passed in the affirmative -
- 8- The question was put whether the Town would Grant Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Willard for nine days, forty five shillings, & for his expences fifty seven shillings & ten pence. & it passed in the affirmative -
- 9- the question was put whether the Town would Grant to m<sup>r</sup> William Sawyer the sum of six pounds Eleven shillings and Eight pence. for what he hath expended towards the maintenance of the widow Cealey. & it passed in the affirmative -
- 10- the question was put whether the Town would have the Rate for all the money above Granted made by the Last August Invoice. and it passed in the affirmative -
- 11- the select men Called for votes to be brought in for the Choyce of a Representative. & they was accordingly brought in. & m<sup>r</sup> Josiah White was Choyen. Ephraim Wilder moderator

Entered p Jonathan Houghton (Town Clerk)



Lancaster Febr. 26<sup>th</sup> 1730/1 Then reckoned with  
Messrs Jonathan Houghton, Hooker Offgood, John  
Bennett, Select men of the Town of Lancaster, and  
the whole of the Gallery Due till the first Day of July  
last past 1730 hath been recieved  
J<sup>n</sup> John Prentice

Lancaster March the first 1730/1 the freeholders & other Inhabi-  
-tants of sd Town that were qualified to vote in Town affairs being  
mett at a meetinghouse according to due warning given; it being  
the annual Town meeting for Choyce of Town officers -  
the Town voted & chose John Prescott moderator for sd meeting  
then the Constable warned the Town to Choose a man to serve  
on the Grand Jury in the County of Midd<sup>x</sup>. and the question  
was put to know if sd Town would Choose one. & it passed in negative

Then the select men gave in the account of their manangement  
of the prudential affairs of sd Town in sd year 1730 - which are  
as followeth; viz: they have made a Highway Rate of Eighty  
pounds; they have also made a Province Rate of ninety two  
pounds ten shillings & eight pence - they have also mad a  
ministers Rate of one hundred pounds & Committed Lists to sd  
Constables with warrants for sd same Requiring them to pay in  
the one half of their Respective summs unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John  
Prentice at or before sd first day of January Last: & the other  
half at on or before sd first day of July which will be in sd year 1731

Ebeneser Beamans part is	46-02-08
James Willards part is	30-02-00
Jonathan Whellers part is	23-15-04

They have also made a school Rate of fifty one pound, nine shilling  
& nine pence & given the Constables Lists with warrants to Collect  
the same Requiring them to pay in their Respective summs unto -  
Bezaleel Sawyer Town Treasurer for sd year 1730 - (or to his successour  
in said office) at on or before the fifteenth day of January Last past

Ebeneser Beamans part of sd Rate is	23-13-11
James Willards part of sd Rate is	15-07-07
Jonathan Whellers part of sd Rate is	12-06-1

They have also made a County Rate of fifteen pounds fourteen  
shillings & two pence; & Committed Lists to the Constables with  
warrants to Collect sd same Requiring them to pay it in to sd County  
Treasurer by the Last day of february 1730/1 -

They have also taken an account of what money each part of the  
Town are to have out of sd above said school Rate & it is as followeth

viz



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Stillriver & Barchill are to have ——— 10 - 07 - 11  
 Watagwadock are to have ——— 09 - 02 - 10  
 and the Remainder of the Town are to have — 31 - 19 - 00  
 They have also given orders to m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Sawyer Town  
 Treasurer to Receive said school Rate & to pay it out as followeth  
 Viz- to Ebenezer Wilder. £ 20 - 9 - 11 which sum we find that  
 he hath paid out of his own money; to m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fox for keeping  
 school on the neck - and £ 10 - 07 - 11. to him or them that  
 have or shall keep school at Stillriver & Barchill - & £ 9 - 2 - 11  
 to him that shall keep school at watagwadock. & £ 11 - 09 - 01  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fox for what he hath already kept school on  
 the neck - which money as above ordered to be paid if the whole  
 of school Rate for year 1730 ———

They have also made a Town Rate of ——— 33 - 10 - 6  
 and Committed Lists to the Constables with warrants to Collect the same  
 Requiring them to pay their Respective sum in to Bezaleel Sawyer  
 Town Treasurer; or to his successor in s<sup>d</sup> office at or before y<sup>e</sup> twenty  
 Eight day of february Currant: which sumes are as followeth - Viz  
 Ebenezer Beaman's part to pay in of the y<sup>d</sup> Town Rate is £ 15 - 00 - 00  
 James Willard's part to pay in of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>d</sup> Town Rate is £ 10 - 07 - 06  
 Jonathan Whelden's part to pay in of y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>d</sup> Town Rate is £ 08 - 03 - 00  
 They have also given said Bezaleel Sawyer Town Treasurer  
 orders to Demand & Receive the above said Town Rate of the Constables  
 as above said: and to pay it out as followeth - viz ———  
 to William Sawyer for what he hath Expended towards the support  
 of y<sup>e</sup> widow Lydiah Coley y<sup>e</sup> sum of ——— 06 - 11 - 08  
 and for his ferry as assessor y<sup>e</sup> sum of ——— 00 - 12 - 00  
 to Horekiah Willard as assessor y<sup>e</sup> sum of ——— 00 - 12 - 00  
 to Jonathan Houghton as assessor y<sup>e</sup> sum of ——— 04 - 11 - 00  
 and for ferrying as Town Clerk the sum of ——— 01 - 10 - 00  
 to Hester Osgood Jun<sup>r</sup> as assessor the sum of ——— 02 - 04 - 00  
 to John Bennett as Assessor the sum at ——— 02 - 04 - 00  
 to y<sup>e</sup> widow Thma Ross for sweeping y<sup>e</sup> meetinghouse 02 - 05 - 00  
 to Joseph Osgood James Key; & Samuel Warner ——— 01 - 04 - 00  
 to James Wilder for being agent for y<sup>e</sup> Town against apethon <sup>signed by James Houghton & others</sup> 05 - 08 - 00  
 to Cap<sup>t</sup> James Willard for the like services ——— 05 - 02 - 10



They have also Reconc'd with m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Wilder Town Treasurer  
for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1729: & find that he hath cleared all accounts according  
to his orders; & also find that he hath delivered fifty nine pounds  
and three pence into y<sup>e</sup> hands of m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Sawyer Town Treasurer  
for y<sup>e</sup> year - 1730: which sum is what Town stock there is now left  
and they have directed said Bezaleel Sawyer to pay it out as he  
shall Receive orders from y<sup>e</sup> Town or y<sup>e</sup> select men -

They did also send men to perambulate with Marlborough men  
some time in the month of April last past -

They did also send to y<sup>e</sup> tow to Thewesbury & to Westborough.  
for them to send men to perambulate with us as the Law directs  
and the said three Towns mett the men that went from our  
Town (by such as they sent) & perambulated some time in the  
month of April - 1730 -

They have also Bound out Benjamin Townsend an apprentice  
unto Uriah Holt: to learn y<sup>e</sup> art or mystery of a Blacksmith

They have also Reconc'd with the Rece<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice  
& he hath given a Receipt in the Town Book that he hath  
Rec<sup>d</sup> the whole of his fallery untill the first day of July: 1730

Dated Lancaster february

the 27 - 1730/1 - - -

Jonathan Houghton

William Sawyer

Hooker Osgood

John Bennett

H Ezekiah Willard

} select  
men

Then the Town voted to Choose five select men for the year ensuing  
and accordingly Chose Jonathan Houghton Hooker Osgood J<sup>n</sup> -  
Ebenezer Wilder Samuel Carter & Thomas Carter select men

Then the Town voted for the Choyce of a Town Clerk & Jonathan  
Houghton was Chosen Clerk -

then the question was put to know if the Town would Choose  
three assessors for the year ensuing & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative

Then the vote was called for for the Choyce of three assessors &  
brought in & Jonathan Houghton Sam<sup>l</sup> Carter & Hooker Osgood J<sup>n</sup> was Ch<sup>osen</sup>

Then vote was called for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Constable on the west  
side of y<sup>e</sup> River & brought in & Simon Sawyer was Chosen

but y<sup>e</sup> Sawyer paid his five pounds: & then John Fletcher was Ch<sup>osen</sup>  
by the vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town - Then vote was called for for y<sup>e</sup> Choyce

of a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> River & on y<sup>e</sup> south side, &  
& brought in & Benjamin Wheeler was Chosen. but he

hiring John Fletcher to serve in his Roome - the Town  
Excepted of him -

(Then vote



votes was Called for; for<sup>st</sup> Choyce of a Constable on the East  
 side of y<sup>e</sup> River & on the North side of y<sup>e</sup> Rhode. & Brought in  
 and Joseph Fairbank was Chosen. but he hyring of Samuel  
 Warner to serve in his Rhode the Town Excepted of it --  
 Then votes was Called for; for the Choyce of a Town Treasurer  
 and Brought in & John Bennitt was Chosen -- -- --  
 Then votes was Called for; for<sup>st</sup> Choyce of two Pything men  
 & Brought in & Joseph Osgood & Thomas Cooker was Chosen  
 Then the Town Chose Joseph Bennitt, John Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup>, James  
 Keys, Jonathan Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>, William Houghton & Peter Abberton  
 Jarvins of Highways -- and David Osgood, & John Warner  
 fencer<sup>viewers</sup> & Shubael Baley & Abraham Willard field Drivers  
 and Amos Sawyer Dealer of Leather -- -- --

Then the Return of a Highway (or beyway) was Red to the Town  
 in order to their Excepting of it for a way. which Return is as follow<sup>th</sup>  
 Lancaster march the 13<sup>th</sup> - 1729/30 - the select men mett & Layd down  
 a Highway along upon the north side of Ropers House Lot on  
 which Oliver Wilder now Dweleth. we began at the East End  
 of y<sup>e</sup> Lot & Layd the way five Rods wide up to y<sup>e</sup> Wilders House  
 & then on the southerly side of his House to the swampy land  
 then through the swampy or medowish land westerly of y<sup>e</sup> House  
 we laid it but three Rods wide to the foot of the hill. then up y<sup>e</sup>  
 Hill we laid it seven Rods wide. & from the top of y<sup>e</sup> Hill we laid  
 it five Rods wide to the westerly End of y<sup>e</sup> Lot. as it is staked &  
 marked out: & then we laid the way but three Rods wide -  
 through y<sup>e</sup> Wilders Land to a Chepnut tree marked by a Comit.  
 & then laid y<sup>e</sup> way westward along through Common Land  
 or land allowed for a way to Samuel Carters Land. & so through  
 said Carters Land to y<sup>e</sup> Land on which John Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> now  
 Dweleth & then through y<sup>e</sup> Sawyers Land about twenty Rods  
 southward of his House. to the new grant. & then in some Comon  
 to the Land of Nathaniel Hendol<sup>& so through his</sup> to we kape keet brook --  
 as y<sup>e</sup> way is now marked out. - Jonathan Houghton  
 John Bennitt  
 Hooker Osgood  
 Elezekiah Willard

select men

The abovesaid way was Excepted by the Town in Case Oliver  
 Wilder mend the myrey Land on y<sup>e</sup> west side of his House  
 up to the Hill; by the first day of July next: in order to  
 be Recorded: & accordingly Recorded this 23 day of march  
 1730/1 - Jonathan<sup>Houghton</sup> Town Clerk -- -- --



Lancaster January 25<sup>th</sup> 1730/1 then laid out a be<sup>th</sup> way of three Rods wide: beginning at the East side of a Road that lyeth from Thomas Houghton to James Atherton. which way runn up on y<sup>e</sup> South End of Hurtleberg hill to Joseph Huchings Land. & to Peter Atherton Land & to James Willards Rurring part of y<sup>e</sup> way through Ephraim Houghton Land. & then upon undivided Land & then partly through y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Huchings Land. & partly through Thomas Houghton Land. & then it Runeth through James Atherton Land to James Willards Land & from thence to grow meadow brook. & over the Brook to Joseph Huchings Land: said proprietors give their land in said be<sup>th</sup> way: Except James Atherton with whome we have agreed for fifteen shillings or three acres of Land in the Common. Heretiah Willard

The above said way was Red in y<sup>e</sup> Town & Excepted of by a vote of the town. in order to be Recorded and accordingly Recorded this: 23 day of march. 1730/1. p Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Appointed by y<sup>e</sup> select men to lay out y<sup>e</sup> way  
Jacob Houghton  
John Wright  
Clerk --

Then the above said meeting was adjourned by a vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town to monday the 22 of march Currant to Eight of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon John Prescott moderator - Entered p Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster march the: 22: 1730/1: The Town being mett according to y<sup>e</sup> adjournment of the meeting from <sup>the first of</sup> march Currant: first the prayer <sup>or Request</sup> of Jacob Houghton & others: to y<sup>e</sup> Town was Read. of sett fourth in the warning which was as followeth: viz. that y<sup>e</sup> Town would sett them off five miles from the north line of y<sup>e</sup> Town ship and west to the former vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town; & the question being put whether the Town would Grant their Request. & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative -

2 The Town Granted the Request of Bezaleel Sawyer: which was in y<sup>e</sup> warning of y<sup>e</sup> meeting. which Request was as followeth: viz: that the Town would free him of the obligation his father Sawyer had laid himself & his heirs under. which was to keep the High way across the flow. or gutter. beyond where Heretiah Gates now dwelleth in good Repair for Ever: & he the y<sup>e</sup> Bezaleel Sawyer will give y<sup>e</sup> Town the Land that the way taketh out of his Land beyond Deany Brook above where the sawmill now standeth on said Brook near to the House of Jonas Fairbank all which as above said <sup>was</sup> Confirmed by a vote of the Town -

3 The Town Granted a Rate of sixty pounds for the maintaining of a school in y<sup>e</sup> Town for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing - - - -

4 The <sup>town</sup> voted that they will buy A Book of y<sup>e</sup> Reverend m Samuel Willards putting out: which Book is an Explication of the Catechizem



- 5 The Town voted that the select men take money of that which the Constables have heretofore paid the Town to Clear them from serving as Constables. & buy said Book & make some provision for the keeping of it in the meeting house for the Towns use: so that any person may Come there & Reade therein as often as they shall see cause: & said Book is not to be Carried out of y<sup>e</sup> meeting house at any time by any person, Except by the order of y<sup>e</sup> select men of y<sup>e</sup> Town
- 6 The Town Granted a Highway Rate of one Hundred pounds to be wrought out in work in y<sup>e</sup> Highways Byways & Bridges
- 7 Then the Town (because Joseph Osgood Refused to serve as Pything man) proceeded to the Choyce of a Pything man & Benjamin Wilson was Chosen & sworn to said office - - - - -

Then Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> gave an account that all the Town officers of whome an oath is Required by Law - had taken the oath belonging to their Respective offices as y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs

Then the Return of a Highway or byway was Read in the Town meeting & excepted by the Town. which way is as followeth. viz. Lancaster february the 16: 1731

Then laid out a Town highway from marlborough line near to m<sup>r</sup> Robert Barnards Dweling House & mill. begining at a pine tree marked on y<sup>e</sup> northerly side of said way (which way is laid five Rods wide) which leadeth westerly through William Divols Land; then through Benjamin Whellers Land; then through m<sup>r</sup> Thomas sawyers Land: then we laid out a byway of three Rods wide to the easterly line of the Town. which way is marked along on the northerly side thereof: & it Runneth through the Land of said Benjamin Wheller as it is now trod & used: then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Jeremiah Holman: & along on said Holmans Land by the line of Benjamin Whellers Land till it Cometh to some Common & then it Runneth along on y<sup>e</sup> Common Land to the Land of James Keyes. & so through y<sup>e</sup> Keyes Land to the Towns East line where it is now trod & used; then we began the above said five Rods way that leadeth from marlborough to Lancaster, & ran it through Benjamin Whellers Land on y<sup>e</sup> southerly side of prectacle meadow; then southward of y<sup>e</sup> meadow Joyning to it till it Cometh to the Land of Jonathan Wheller & then through it ~~along~~ between y<sup>e</sup> Land of Jonathan Wheller & the Land of John more jr till it cometh to y<sup>e</sup> Ridge Hill & so along on y<sup>e</sup> Ridge Hill to the Land of Jonathan more jr. & so through y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan mores Land along by his House & Barn where it is now trod until it Cometh to Run between the Land of Josiah Whellers & m<sup>r</sup> Nicholyses till it Cometh to a Road that leadeth from William sawyers through Edward Broughtons Land to a nother piece of y<sup>e</sup> nicholyses Land & so through it to a Chestnut tree marked on the north side of y<sup>e</sup> Road near to Jabez Beamans field: & so along the beaten Road to y<sup>e</sup> meeting House of appers by marked trees & fencis: the persons abovesaid (all of them) having had allowance in their Land for what is laid in to the five Rod Road: & the persons have given their Land that the three Rod Road hath taken

the abovesaid Recorded this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June. 1731 by Jonathan Bloughton Town Clerk -

Joseph Osgood  
Samuel Willard  
Samuel Carter } select men



The warrant for calling a Town meeting is as followeth. viz  
middleres f<sup>r</sup>; to samuel Warner Constable of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster Greeting  
These are in his majesties name to Require you forthwith to wane all the  
freeholders & other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town within your precinct. that  
are qualified to vote in Town affairs & that have a free hold in land with  
in this Province or Territory to the value of forty shillings per annum at  
Least or other Estate to the value of fifty pounds sterling to meet  
at the meeting house in y<sup>e</sup> Lancaster on Monday the seventeenth day  
of May Current at nine of the Clock in the fore noon then & there to  
Consider Conclude & act what the Town shall see cause to do Relating to  
the several things hereafter mentioned: viz, to know what the Town  
will Grant towards the Carrying of the widow Lydia out of Town  
up to the place call'd new Hadley. also to act & do what the Town shall  
think fitt in order to making a by Law for the Keeping of nonresidents  
or nonproprietors Cattle & Horse out of Town by Rating or otherwise -  
also to Consider Conclude & act & do what is necessary to be done Relating  
to the Highway or Country Road in swanwamp night pasture & on the  
neck; which way infringed upon by Cap<sup>t</sup> Jam<sup>l</sup> Willard & which at the  
Request of y<sup>e</sup> Willard; the Town Reserved the Determination of to the  
Judgment & award of three men viz Benjamin Prestoll William Ward  
and Frances Pullum Esq<sup>r</sup>; to be given up to the agents of said  
Lancaster at on or before the last Tuesday of January past: viz m<sup>r</sup> Taber  
Cairbank & Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>; who was appointed by the y<sup>e</sup> Town  
to manage the affair. & whereas the y<sup>e</sup> <sup>three</sup> Gentlemen did make & give  
in upon award to the aforesaid agents of y<sup>e</sup> Town. on y<sup>e</sup> 28 day of Janu<sup>y</sup>  
Anno Domini 1730; as hath been formerly Read before y<sup>e</sup> Town.  
and forasmuch as the y<sup>e</sup> award was not given in unto the agents of  
the Town before nor at y<sup>e</sup> day & time appointed: & the award doth  
set forth the exchanging of the Towns Land or Highway with Cap<sup>t</sup>  
samuel Willard: & the agents of the Town alleging that they submit-  
ted no such thing to their determination: and also that Cap<sup>t</sup> Jam<sup>l</sup>  
Willard hath Refused: & doth still neglect to Conform his fence to y<sup>e</sup>  
awards; whether y<sup>e</sup> Town be any ways obliged to abide by y<sup>e</sup> award  
and then to determine whether they will abide by y<sup>e</sup> award or not -  
also to do what y<sup>e</sup> Town shall think proper to be done in order to mak-  
ing of all Town Rates that can conveniently be made in one list to  
be paid in to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer. so that y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurer may  
pay y<sup>e</sup> minister. school & to such of the Town as there is money  
due to; as he shall have orders -



Also to do what the Town shall think proper to be done in  
order to Granting of some money out of y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasury, to  
him or them that shall be Chosen & serve Representative for y<sup>e</sup> Town  
also then & there to Elect & Depute one or more person or persons  
(being freeholders & Resident in y<sup>e</sup> Town) to serve for & Represent  
them in a Great & General Court or Assembly, appointed to be Conven  
& held & Kept for his Majesties service, at the Court House in Boston  
upon wednesday the twenty sixth day of may Currant . . . .  
Dat Lancaster may y<sup>e</sup> 11: 1731 - Jon<sup>at</sup> Houghton

the warrant of the other (Constable  
is the same of this, except the name  
of y<sup>e</sup> Constable - . . . . .

Thomas Carter  
Ebenezer Wilver  
Hooker & Good

Select  
men

Lancaster may y<sup>e</sup> 17: 1731: the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
being according to y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid warrant; y<sup>e</sup> then Chosen Capt Ephraim  
Wilber moderator for said meeting. & the question was put if  
the Town would grant y<sup>e</sup> select power to Convey y<sup>e</sup> widow Lydia  
Coley up to y<sup>e</sup> place called new Hattin: & to take so much money  
out of the Town Treasury as they shall find needfull to defray  
the Charge of y<sup>e</sup> Conveyance: & it passed in the affirmative - -  
3<sup>d</sup> the question was putt whether the Town would make a by  
Law as yet forth in the warrant: & it passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative -  
4<sup>th</sup> the question was putt whether the penalty to be paid by each  
nonproprietor for each Horse & mare & for each Horned Beast  
shall be ten shillings - & it passed in the affirmative - -  
and whereas divers of the inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town have ma  
it their practice to take into y<sup>e</sup> Town Great numbers of neat  
Cattle & Horses to Run at large on the Commons of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
in the summer season, whose owners have no Right of property  
in the y<sup>e</sup> Towns Commons, which hath by several years ex  
- perience proved very Debrimental to the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
it is agreed & Concluded upon by a vote of the Town on the  
seventeenth day of may: 1731. (agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> warrant) that  
hence forward no inhabitant or proprietor of y<sup>e</sup> Town up  
what pretence soever shall take into y<sup>e</sup> Town, to Run at  
large on the Commons any neat Cattle or Horse kind -  
whatsoever (whose owners have not a Right of property



within said Town and if any of the inhabitants of sd Town of Lancaster shall notwithstanding this act take into their care or Custodie to Run at large on y<sup>e</sup> Commons or unimproved Lands of sd Town any neat Cattle or Horses whose owners have not a Right of property within sd Town or that shall hereafter have any such found within their Custodie or under their Care they shall pay to the Town as a fine or forfeiture the sum of ten shillings per year for every Cretor so found with them or that shall be found in their Custodie or Care to be improved for the use of the poor of sd Town - and y<sup>e</sup> select men were accordingly directed to present the same to the next Court of y<sup>e</sup> General Sessions of y<sup>e</sup> peace for their allowance & approbation -

8<sup>th</sup> the question was put whether the Town would order that the Town Rates for minster school & for the defraying of other Town Charges be made in one List & the warrants to y<sup>e</sup> Constables to pay the money into the Town Treasurer that y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer may pay it out he shall have orders from time to time - and it passed in the negative -

9<sup>th</sup> the question was put whether the Town would <sup>grant</sup> unto him that shall be chosen Representative the sum of twenty pounds out of the Town Treasury to be paid into the Town Treasury so soon as y<sup>e</sup> Representative shall Receive his wages for sd servis. & it passed in the affirmative - To the select men Read the Lawes Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of a Representative & votes was called for & brought in & m<sup>r</sup> Joseph White was Chosen but he Refusing to serve the select men called for votes for the Choyce of another & they was brought in & m<sup>r</sup> James Wilder was Chosen

Ephraim Wilder moderator

the above y<sup>e</sup> Entered y<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk as to y<sup>e</sup> difference between the Town & Capt Jam<sup>s</sup> Willard in as much as award (by Francis Bullum William Ward & Benjamin Prescott y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup>) were not given in before nor at the time the Town voted it should be given unto the agents of sd Town & the award doth set forth the Excluding of y<sup>e</sup> Common Land or Highways with Capt Jam<sup>s</sup> Willard & the agents of sd Town alleging that they submitted no such thing to their determination & also that Capt Jam<sup>s</sup> Willard hath Refused & doth neglect to conforme his fence to y<sup>e</sup> award the question was put whether the Town would except of said award & it passed in the negative - note the above y<sup>e</sup> paragratt should have been Entered in the above y<sup>e</sup> work of y<sup>e</sup> meeting but it was over looked & y<sup>e</sup> Entered by  
Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster, August the 3<sup>d</sup> 1731: the Town meet according to Warning  
Given by the Constable. & then Chose Ebenezer Wilder to serve on  
the Grand Jury. . . and Oliver Wilder to serve on the petit Jury -

Lancaster September the second 1731: the Town meet according to  
due warning given by the Constables. & first they Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jabez  
Fairbank moderator for said meeting - - - - -

By 2 votes was Called for: for the Choyce of a man to serve on the Grand  
Jury at the superiour Court to be holden at Worcester. in the County  
of Worcester on the fourth wednesday of September Current &  
Jonathan Houghton was Chosen - - - - -

By 3 votes was Called for: for the Choyce of a man to serve on the petit  
Jury at the superiour Court. & Jonas Houghton was Chosen -

By 4 votes was Called for: for the Choyce of a Register of Deeds for the  
County of Worcester: & they was brought in unto the Constable

By 5 votes was Called for: for the Choyce of a County Treasurer. & brought  
in unto the Constable - - - - -

By 6 the question was put whether the Town would Grant the  
Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice some more money: then his yearly  
Salary. & it passed in the affirmative - - - - -

By 7 the question was put whether the Town would Grant thirty  
pounds. to the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice: & it passed in the affirmative -

By 8 the question was put whether the Town would give the above  
said thirty pounds out of the Towns Interest money off the £50000  
Lone money: & it passed in the affirmative - - - - -

By 9 the question was put whether the Towns Committee that are to  
Call the trustees of the £50000 lone money to an account: shall  
pay the sum of £30. unto the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice. & it passed  
in the affirmative - - - - -

By 10 the Town voted that m<sup>r</sup> James Wilder their present Representative  
be directed to pay such regard to his Majesties Governour as becom  
the Representative of a Layall People: & that he also use his  
utmost vigilance that no infringements be made on the Royall pre-  
-rogative; nor on any of the priviledges off the People: Granted  
them by the Royal Charter (by their Late Majesties King William  
and Queen Mary of blessed memory) and especially by  
supplying the Treasury without appropriation unless of some  
small Quantities that may be necessary to defray unforeseen things  
that may Require prompt payment - - - - -



Then the aforejaid meeting was adjourned to thirsd<sup>y</sup> the ninth  
of this month September; & then the Town meet & the meeting  
was dignified: Jabez Fairbank moderator; Entered <sup>by</sup> Jonathan Doughton Clerk  
Lancaster October 25<sup>th</sup>: 1731: the Town meet being warned thereto  
by the Constable; & then Chose Isaac Leel lawyer petit Jurymen for the  
next Court

Lancaster January the 19<sup>th</sup>: 1731<sup>1/2</sup> the Town being met: being warned  
thereto by the Constable; & then Chose. Thomas Carter & Jonathan Doughton  
to serve as petit Jurymen for the next Court

Lancaster february 21<sup>st</sup>: 1731<sup>1/2</sup>: the Town being meet according to  
due warning given; & the Town chose Capt Ephraim Wilder moderator  
they granted a Town Rate of nineteen pounds three shillings eight pence  
to pay what the Town was in debt to sundry persons for - 9<sup>1/2</sup> - -  
to the Assessors for their making this Rate & the other £ 5 - 7 - 8  
to Thomas Carter for getting a bylaw passed at Court - 1 - 0 - 0  
to y<sup>e</sup> widow Anne Rois for sweeping the meeting in y<sup>e</sup> year 1731 - 2 - 5 - 0  
to Glaze for y<sup>e</sup> meeting House - 3 - 0 - 0  
to Jonathan Doughton for serving as Town Clerk in y<sup>e</sup> year 1731: 2 - 0 - 0  
to Ebenezer Wilder - 0 - 4 - 0  
to Thomas Carter - 0 - 15 - 0  
to weights & measures - 5 - 0 - 0

By 3 the Town voted to make a bylaw for five years for the preventing the  
bringing of Cattle or Horses into Town to summer; <sup>at any person's</sup> that do not belong to  
nor come any of the propriety of or in y<sup>e</sup> Town & y<sup>e</sup> penalty or fine on  
Each Creature as above shall be ten shillings & near one halfe of it  
to be for y<sup>e</sup> use of the poor of the Town & the other half to  
him or them that shall sue for & recover the same  
and also that for y<sup>e</sup> Government of sheep agreed that all Rams be  
Confined & not suffered to run at large from the first day  
of August to the first day of October annually for five years  
next coming from the date of this meeting on the pains and  
penalty that every Ram found running at large to be forfeited  
to him or them that shall take up & confine y<sup>e</sup> Ram or Rams  
above

By 4 they granted a Rate of twenty two pounds to provide one barrel  
of powder with bullets & flints proportionable to make  
up the Town stock of ammunition as the law directs; which Rate is  
to be made with the other Town Rate; Ephraim Wilder moderator  
Entered by Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk



Lancaster Monday 2. 1731/2. then Received with Messieurs Samuel Carter  
Ebenezer Wilder & Hooker of good Jun<sup>r</sup> select men; & I have Received  
the whole of my gallery for that year that ended July 8<sup>th</sup> 1731; as at test

The above is a Copy of a Receipt given  
by the afore said John Prentice and  
Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

John Prentice

Whereas by the freeholders & other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of  
Lancaster qualified as the Law directs. - these are to notify & warne you  
in his Majesties name to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House on y<sup>e</sup> first Monday at  
march next at Eight of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon (it being the annual meet-  
ing for Choyce of Town officers) to except of such beyways as the  
select men & others whome they have imployed to lay out the same  
shall then Return to the Town for their approbation; & to make saty-  
sfaction to such persons as shall have any of their lands taken into  
said wayes - Dat Lancaster february 21<sup>st</sup>: 1731/2 - - - - -

Samuel Carter  
Hooker of good  
Ebenezer Wilder

Select  
men

Lancaster Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1731/2 the Town being meet accord-  
to there usual Custom for Choyce of Town officers; & agreeable to y<sup>e</sup>  
above said warrant: first they Chose Deacon Josiah White moderator  
for y<sup>e</sup> meeting: & then the select men gave in an account of their  
managing of y<sup>e</sup> prudentiall affairs of the Town in y<sup>e</sup> year 1731 -  
which is as followeth Viz: Beside the warning of Town meetings  
they have made a Highway Rate of Eighty pounds: & also the sum  
given byt to the fawners of men they are to call out to work out  
said byt: they have also given orders to Barabael Sawyer Town  
Treasurer to pay out of the Town stock to Jaber Fairbank  
and others for managing the Contention with Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> William  
the sum of £ 14 - 2 - 3. they have also given orders to y<sup>e</sup>  
Barabael Sawyer to pay to him or them that have or shall  
keep school at Millriver & Barehill the sum of £ 1 - 4 - 0  
they have also given to Barabael Sawyer orders to pay unto  
m Jaber Fox the sum of £ 10 - 00 - 00 - & they have also -  
given y<sup>e</sup> Sawyer orders to pay to Daniel Houghton £ 5 - 15 -  
for Carrying the widow Lydia Cady up to y<sup>e</sup> place Called newheat  
The Assessors have made a ministers Rate of £ 100 - 00 - 0  
and they have Committed <sup>byt</sup> to the Constables with warrants  
to Collect y<sup>e</sup> same Requiring them to pay in the one



one half of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Rate unto  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice. at or before  
the first day of January last past; & the other half at or  
before the first day of July next Ensuing - - - - -  
Constables John flechers part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  ministers Rate is £ 74 - 5 - 11  
Constables Samuel Warners part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  ministers Rate is £ 25 - 14 - 1  
They have also made a County Rate of £ 62 - 16 - 8 and Committed  
Lists to the Constables with warrants to Collect the same Requiring  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$   
Constables to pay the  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Rate unto Jonathan Doughton County  
Treasurer: & that at or before the last day of March. 1732  
Constable flechers part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  County Rate is the sum of £ 45 - 4 - 5  
Constable Warners part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  County Rate is the sum of £ 17 - 12 - 3  
They have also made a school Rate of £ 60 - 15 - 2 and Committed  
Lists to the Constables with warrants to Collect the same Requiring  
 $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Constables to pay the same unto John Benitt Town Treasurer for  
the year. 1731: & that at or before the first day of february. 1731.  
Constable flechers part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Rate is the sum of - £ 43 - 18 - 8  
Constable Warners part of said Rate is the sum of £ - 16 - 16 - 5  
They have also made a Town Rate of £ 42 - 2 - 0 and Committed  
Lists to  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  Constables with warrants to Collect the same Requiring  
 $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Constables to pay in  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  same unto  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  John Benitt Town Treasurer  
or to his successor in  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  office & that at or before the first day <sup>next</sup> of June  
Constable flechers part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Rate is the sum of - £ 30 - 0 - 0  
Constable Warners part of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  Rate is the sum of £ - 12 - 2 - 0  
The school Rate of £ 60 - 15 - 2 as above  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  we have given orders  
to John Benitt Treasurer for the year. 1731: to pay it out as followeth  
viz to m<sup>r</sup> Jaber Fox the sum of £ 27 - 2 - 5. & to him or them  
that shall keep school at Stillriver & Barehill or that hath  
kept it) the sum of £ 11 - 10 - 5. and to him or them that  
hath or shall keep school at wattoquauck the sum of £ 10 - 18 - 4  
and we have also seen paid out of  $\text{f}^{\text{d}}$  school Rate into the  
Town stock the sum of £ 11 - 4 - 0. which was heretofore paid  
out of the Town stock. before this years Rate was to be paid  
in to the Town Treasurers hands which sums are the whole  
of  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  school Rate for  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  year that Endeth on  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  last day of Janu-  
ary. 1731/2. They have also taken the Town stock out of Barreel  
Lawyers hands which stock was nine pounds & five shillings  
& put it into John Benitts hands also Eleven pound & four  
shilling out of the school Rate as above & put that into  $\text{y}^{\text{e}}$  Benitts hands



There is also twenty pounds of <sup>sd</sup> Town stock in the hands  
of Mr James Wilder our present Representative. which money  
we have ordered <sup>sd</sup> John Bennett to demand & Recieve of  
James Wilder so soon as he shall Recieve his wages for serving  
as Representative to the Town. that we find that <sup>sd</sup> Town  
stock is now but £40-9-0

They have also Reconed with Bezaleel Sawyer Town Treasures  
for the year 1730 & find that he hath Cleared agreeable to his order

They have also Reconed with Ebenezer Beaman James Willard  
& Jonathan Wheller Constables for the year 1730 - and  
find that they have Cleared with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John Prentice  
for <sup>sd</sup> year that ended the July first 1731 -

They have also Reconed with the Reverend Mr John Prentice  
& have taken a Receipt & delivered it to <sup>sd</sup> Clerk to Recon  
which sheweth that he hath Received the whole of his  
Salary for <sup>sd</sup> year that ended the first of July 1731 -

Dated Lancaster march 2 - 1731/2

Joseph Oggood  
Thomas Carter  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Carter  
Ebenezer Wilder  
Jon<sup>at</sup> Houghton  
Select men

- (The Town being meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> of march 1731/2 as above)  
2 they voted to have five select men for to manage the  
prudential of the Town for the year ensuing - - -  
3 votes way called for & brought in for <sup>sd</sup> Choyce of <sup>sd</sup>  
five select men & Joseph Sawyer. Samuel Carter.  
Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>. Ebenezer Wilder & Thomas Carter  
way Chosen -  
4 votes way called for for the Choyce of a Town Clerk  
& brought in & Jonathan Houghton way Chosen -  
5 the Town voted to Chooze two Constables on <sup>sd</sup> west side of River  
6 votes way called for for the Choyce of a Constable on the  
neck & they way brought in & Edward Phelps Jun way Chose  
7 - votes way called for for the Choyce of a Constable on the  
west side of the River & accordingly brought in  
and Benjamin Houghton Jun way Chosen - - -



- 8 votes way called for; for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side the River & on the south side the Rhoad: & they way brought in & Iabez Fairbank Jun way chosen.
  - 9 votes way called for; for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side of the River & on the north side of the Rhoad & they way brought in; & Nathaniel Hapgood way Chosen.
  - 10 votes way called for; for the Choyce of two Suthing men, & accordingly brought in; & Henry Houghton & Oliver W. ider way Chosen.
  - 11 the Town voted that they would Chooze three assessors.
  - 12 votes way called for; for the Choyce of three assessors, & accordingly brought in; & Joseph Sawyer, Lem Carter and Joseph Wilder Esq way Chosen to said office.
  - 13 votes for four sawyers of highways way called for & brought in & John Whitney, Haron Willard, Shubal Baley & Jonathan Crouch way Chosen to sd office.
  - 14 the Town voted & Chose Jonathan Houghton Jun, & Joseph Hberton fence viewers.
  - 15 the Town voted & Chose Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer.
  - 16 the Town voted & Chose Simon Willard Esq, Sawyer John More Jun & Joseph Wilson for field Drivers.
  - 17 the Town voted & Chose Amos Sawyer sealer of leather then the meeting way adjourned to the last Monday of march Current to this place: Even to the meeting House: at eight of the clock in the forenoon Monday the twenty seventh day of march; 1732: the Town being meet according to the adjournment of sd meeting from the sixth of march Currant.
  - 1 the Town Exceeded & Confirmed a bey way from the Rhode that goeth from Lancaster to marlborough which way goeth to the Land in which Jeremiah Wilson Jun now liveth. & it is as followeth. Viz.
- Lancaster June the fiftenth. 1731: Laid out a byway of four Rods wide: it beginy at the Rhode that goeth from Lancaster to marlbery a litle Easterward of where William Houghton now dwelleth. & Runeth through the Land of James Wilder to the Land of William Houghton (afore said) & sd way cyeth along on the Easterly sid of sd William Houghton's Land.



and so along on the Easterly side of William Richardson  
Land. & then through the land of James Houghton Jun  
& along through the land of James Butler, (though it  
is to be but three Rods wide through <sup>sd</sup> James Houghton  
& James Butler's Land) then said <sup>way</sup> laid from James Butler  
Land on which he now dwelleth along up the hill to the Land on which  
Jonathan Beaman now dwelleth on, & so along on the Easterly side  
of said Beaman's Land till it goeth beyond his House: & then it  
goeth in Common Land till it cometh to the Land on which Jeremiah  
Wilson Jun now dwels: & then it was laid no farther - - - - -  
- - - - - on the westerly side the Jon<sup>at</sup> Houghton Community

goeth in Comm  
 Willon Jun now dwel: & then it way land no farther  
 way is marked on the westerly side the Jon<sup>at</sup> Houghton  
 whole of the way: & in said State's land Berzeel Januer (minutes  
 his fence is the bounds on the westerly side James Houghton Indij<sup>al</sup> Lee time  
 Entered this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1732/3: p<sup>on</sup> Jon<sup>at</sup> Houghton Town Clerk  
 the Town excepted & confirmed a way or highway from the way you  
 line through several persons Land viz: through John Adams  
 Land 44 Rods; through Jonas Cuttins Land; 125 Rods; & through  
 Daniel Alberts Land: 38 Rods; & through Thomas Wilders Land  
 156 Rods; & through Elias Januers Land: 44 Rods; & -  
 the way as a way Entered p<sup>on</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk: the  
 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732/3 - - - - -  
 the way n<sup>o</sup> bare Hill: which is as follows  
 the way n<sup>o</sup> bare Hill

the way we said way into the  
5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732/3  
the Town excepted & confirmed the way on Bare Hill: which is as follows  
- viz: Lancaster february the 24: 1731/2 laid out a by way on Bare Hill  
we began at a point on the north side of the former Road the  
Runeth over said Hill: & from thence on Common Land to Elijah  
Whitwells Land: & so between that & widow Warners Land: & so on Common  
Land to the Road that from Caleb Sawyers to John Nicholas: &  
it is said with the Rods & wife: the above said way was entered  
thi<sup>5</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732/3: Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk  
the Town Excepted & Confirmed the way that was laid out to Lunenburg  
which way is as follows viz Lancaster february the 25: 1731/2: then  
laid out a by way from the Road that goeth to the mill on the  
north River; to Lunenburg; we began on the top of the hill on  
west side of Combs brook at a black oak tree & so up the hill  
beyond where the way is now improved: & from thence to a house of  
a hollow: & so to a nother hollow: & so across a piece of John Whit  
wells Land: & from thence along the west side of Land laid out to  
Capt J<sup>m</sup> Williams: & then between Justice Houghtons Land & Land of  
John Williams: & so along on the easterly side of John Williams  
Land: & so to the front pond: & from thence to Lunenburg  
way is with the Rods & wife: & it is entered th<sup>5</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732  
Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



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5<sup>th</sup> the Town Excepted & Confirmed a byway to the Town line. 6. 1731/2
- 6 the Town Excepted & Confirmed a byway that goeth to the Town line beyond Ephraim lawyers; which way is as followeth viz: Linea for march the 2<sup>nd</sup> 1731/2 Laid out a byway from Sonay Fairbanks to the west line of the old Town ship: 38 Rods through the Land of Ebenezer Willers. then on Common to the Land of Benjamin Houghton & June. & then ran through it: 56 Rods then on Ephraim lawyers Land: 92 Rods to the 1<sup>st</sup> old Town line the 2<sup>nd</sup> way is three Rods wide as it is marked & lined: & it entered this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732/3 Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk
- 7 the Town Excepted & Confirmed a by way from Carmock Brook to Pough Hill. which way is as followeth viz: Linea for January the 24<sup>th</sup> 1731 2<sup>nd</sup> then Laid out by us the Surveyors a byway: three Rods wide from Carmock Brook to Quappamekan hill: to that way that goes from the Town to said Hill near by House of Joshua Phelps: we began at a red oak tree marked a little southerly of said Carmock Brook. Doying upon the Road that goeth from the Town to Joseph Whitcombs mill or to Simon Cargh: then from 1<sup>st</sup> Red oak we laid 1<sup>st</sup> way near an Easterly point Eighty eight Rods upon the Land of Ebenezer Beaman to a pine tree marked: then making 4 angle & turning near south Easterly point we laid 2<sup>nd</sup> way Eighty one Rods in Ebenezer Beaman Land. then upon Common Land twenty six Rods to a white oak tree marked near the new bridge by 1<sup>st</sup> Corner of Ralph Kendels new field: then running over 2<sup>nd</sup> bridge Eighteen rods half in Common & half in Edward Phelps Land: then we laid it ten Rods in Ralph Kendels Land: then in said Ebenezer Beaman Land one Hundred & forty seven Rods Running it along betwixt Ebenezer Beaman House & Barn to a Great pine tree marked for 3<sup>rd</sup> way: & it is a corner of Joshua Phelps Land next to Ebenezer Beaman House: then making an Elbow Running southerly in Joshua Phelps Land one Hundred & thirty two Rods by a line of marked trees Ending at a Red oak tree marked at a piece of Common Land where 3<sup>rd</sup> way turns Easterly upon Common Land fourteen Rods: then it turneth more Easterly twelve rods, partly upon Common & partly on Joshua Phelps Land to the Crow of the Hill in the line betwixt Daniel & Knight & Joshua Phelps: then it turns to the Right at a turnip in Daniel Knights fence above his House & so comes a corner of Daniel Knights Land to a stake which groweth to the way above mentioned Joseph Osborn
- the above way was Entered this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of January: 1732/3  
Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



8 the Town Excepted & Contained the Byway to Wayhacorn  
which way is as followeth Viz: a Byway laid out February  
the 28: 1731/2: begining at Jonay Fairbanks Land by the  
bridge above the millpond: & it Runy through f<sup>r</sup> Fairbanks  
Land by the millpond: to the High way that goeth through f<sup>r</sup>  
mill pond: then it Runy to Ebenezer Willers Land near to  
Adamses Homelace: then through f<sup>r</sup> Willers Land; and Land  
of James Willers: one halfe in Each: 84 rods: & then to Little  
Brook: then 50 rods in Ebenezer Willers Land to Joseph  
Land: then through f<sup>r</sup> Joseph Land: & then  
through f<sup>r</sup> Lawyers Land: 220 Rods: the way is four Rods wide  
the above way was Entered this 6 Day of January: 1732/3: & do. Abbotth of the Town (for the Town) Samuel Carter  
the Town Granted a Rate of £ 100 - 0 - 0 to be  
collected out in mending of highways & overways  
10 Then the Town proceeded & voted unanimously: that where y<sup>e</sup> Divors  
of the Town in the Town in several years past have  
made it their practice to take into their Care & Custody Great Hurst  
of neat Cattle & Horses to Run at large on the Common of  
y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town in the summer season to feed thereon: the same  
of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town & Horses having no Right of Commonage in  
said Town: which hath proved very Detrimentall to  
the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town in Divors Requests: that  
hence forward conform the Day of the Date of this  
meeting: & untill five years be expired: that no  
freholder or other Inhabitant of the Town shall  
Resume to take into his or their Care or Custody any  
neat Cattle or Horses whatsover to Run at  
large on the Common of the 1<sup>st</sup> Town: others  
then such whose owners have a Right of propertie  
in y<sup>e</sup> Town: & that any person or persons shall be  
be forwille notwithstanding this act: as to take  
up to his Care any such Creturs: he or they so doing  
shall forfeit & pay the sum of ten shillings per he  
for every such Cretur y<sup>e</sup> year: as shall be found  
by his or their Care or Custody to be improved  
for the use of the poor of the 1<sup>st</sup> Town to be paid  
for by any of the Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Town  
to be paid within a year or any other majestie  
Court: upon the first day of the next year.



- and upon the Recovery of any such forfeiture by any person or persons: upon his paying in the same unto the Town Treasurer: he shall be inhibited to half so much as he or they shall there pay in: & shall receive be paid out of the Town Treasury such sum or sums of money from time to time.
- 11 and for a more profitable Raising of Sheep in the Town it was also agreed & voted in the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting that no person or persons whatsoever suffer any of his or their Lambs or Rams whatsoever to Run at Large on the Common of said Town from the first of August to the last of September annually for the space of five years & if any person or persons shall notwithstanding presume so to do he shall forfeit the 1<sup>st</sup> Ram or Rams to the use of the poor of the Town: & it shall be Lawfull for any person or persons to take up any such Ram or Rams and secure & restrain the same to the end of September yearly & then to deliver him or them to the Town Treasurer for the use of the poor: he or they shall Receive out of the Town Treasury the full value thereof.
- 12 the Town voted that Joseph White Esq<sup>r</sup> be Desired to present these orders or by Laws to the Court of General Sessions of the peace next to be holden at Worcester on the second Tuesday of May next and pray for their Confirmation.
- 13 the Town voted & chose John Smith Grand Juror for the year ensuing.
- 14 the Town voted & chose William Richardson to come on the 1<sup>st</sup> day at the next Court.
- Joseph White Moderator
- the above said meeting Entered & Done at Houghton to the



To Benjamin Houghton J<sup>n</sup> Constable of Lancaster Greeting  
 Pursuant to his majesties precept to us directed: these are  
 in his name to Require you to wame the freeholders & other  
 inhabitants of Lancaster (within your precinct) that have  
 such an estate as the Law Directs to qualifye them to the  
 Election of a Representative: to meet at the meeting House  
 in the Town on the third monday of May Currant at nine  
 of the Clock in the morning: then & there to chuse & Depute  
 one or more persons qualified as above said to serve for and  
 Represent them in a great & general Court to be holden the  
 last wednesday of May Currant & so on; - - - - -  
 you are also alike Required to wame the freeholders & other inhabitants  
 qualified according to Law to assemble at the same time & place  
 to grant a Rate for the support of the School; & to Com into some  
 better way & method that so each part of the Town may know  
 what is to be done to keep their part: - & make Due Return of warrant  
 before the time above said - - - - -  
 Lancaster May 15<sup>th</sup> 1732 - - - - - Joseph Willmott  
 Thomas Carter select  
 Eleazer Willer men

Wore said: May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1732 By vertue of the warrant I have  
 wamed the freeholders & other inhabitants within my precinct  
 to meet at the time & place within  
 Directs for the saids mentioned - - - - -

the other warrants are the same Benjamin Houghton  
 of this except the Constables names Constable of Lancaster  
 the above said warrant is of Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster May the 15<sup>th</sup> 1732 the freeholders & other inhab-  
 -itants of the Town qualified according to Law being met  
 according to the above said warrants; & the warrants  
 and Returns being Read & the Return of them all  
 the Town voted & Chose Josiah White moderator for said meeting  
 the purpose was just & that the Town would grant a Rate of 10 p<sup>er</sup> cent  
 pounds for the support & maintenance of a school for the education of the  
 3 The Town voted that the said money be & should be paid  
 money for the School that one School master should keep school  
 in each part of said Town: & that the select men should pay  
 school master how much he should keep school in each part of the  
 Town - - - - -



4 The select men called for votes for the Choyce of a Representative  
the vote being brought in m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton was Choyce  
then the meeting was adjourned to the first Tuesday at August next  
to eight of the clock in the fore noon. so m<sup>t</sup> at 2 meetings  
Entered p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk Joseph White Moderator

Lancaster July the 20: 1732. Of the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of said Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town Affairs of the  
Law Directs

These in his Majesty's name to warn you to meet at the Court House  
in said Town on the first day of August next at eight of the  
clock in the morning to which time & place your maintenance  
and Proprietors meeting is adjourned) to make some addition to  
the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John M<sup>r</sup> Gallery of hath bin accustomed for  
years past; also to see what may be necessary to be done in order  
to get some abatement of the Province Tax for the present year ---

Joseph Wilder  
Samuel Carter } select  
Ebenezer Wilder } men

August the first: 1732 the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said  
Town being meet according to warning given by select men. & also  
by the Constable for the Choyce of one Grand Jurym<sup>n</sup> & one Jurym<sup>n</sup>  
Jurym<sup>n</sup> & Jurym<sup>n</sup> was called for for the Choyce of said Grand Jurym<sup>n</sup>  
man: & accordingly brought in. & Jonathan Houghton was Choyce  
for said Jurym<sup>n</sup>. then votes was called for for the Choyce of a Jurym<sup>n</sup>  
Jurym<sup>n</sup> man. & accordingly brought in & Joseph White was Choyce  
for said Jurym<sup>n</sup>.

Then the Town voted that the Committee that are or Call the  
Municee of the £50000 <sup>pounds</sup> Lene money to an account: to pay thirty  
pounds of the intrest of <sup>to</sup> £50000 pounds unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John  
M<sup>r</sup> Gallery: to be added to his salary for this present year

The Town also voted that the select men present a petition  
to the General Court in the Towns behalfe) to get the Province  
Tax abated for the present year

then the meeting was adjourned to the thirteenth day of September  
next: & being meet on <sup>the</sup> day they Choyce Joseph Wilder <sup>for</sup> mod-  
erator for 2<sup>d</sup> meeting: & then the meeting was adjourned to the  
Laf<sup>r</sup> Wednesday at October next: Entered p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster September the 15: 1732 the Town meet according to  
warning given by the Constable & first Choyce Nathaniel  
Lawyer to serve on the Grand Jury & secondly they Choyce  
Eccen Josiah White to serve on the petit Jury at the Superior  
Court to be holden at Worcester in September current  
Entered p<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



we Tuesday the 25. of October - 1732 - the Town being meet  
according to the adjournment of the meeting from the thirtieth  
day of September last past: the Constable then warned  
them to Choose one man to serve on the petit Jury at the next  
Court to be holden at worcester: & votes was Called for for  
the Choyce of a Jury man & being <sup>brought</sup> in Joseph Sawyer was Chosen  
& then the meeting was dissolved: Joseph Wilder moderator  
the above said Entred <sup>at</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk  
on Monday the fifth of February 1732/3. the freeholders & other inhabitants  
of the Town being meet according to due warning: first they voted &  
Chose Jonathan More moderator for 2<sup>d</sup> meeting - secondly the Town  
granted forty eight shillings to Jonathan Houghton for serving (as  
Clerk) for Recording of High & byways in the year - 1732 - thirdly the  
Town granted a Town Rate of twelve pounds & ten shillings for the  
paying of Town Charges for the year 1732 - Jonathan More Moderator  
the above said Entred <sup>at</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk - - -  
the above said fifth day of February the Town Chose Charon Willard  
to serve on the petit Jury at the next Court to be holden at worcester -  
they being warned thereto by the Constable of Lancaster - - -

Lancaster Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 1732/3 - the freeholders & other inhabitants  
of said Town that were qualified to vote in Town affairs being meet agreeable  
to the warning given it being our annual meeting for Choyce of Town officers  
this Ebenezer (Capt James) Wilder moderator for said meeting & then the laws  
which are to be kept was read - & then the select men for the year 1732  
gave in their account for 4 year past which is as follows - -  
we have taken on account of the Assessor & find that they have  
made a ministers Rate of one hundred pounds & they have committed  
Lifts to the Constables with warrants to Collect the same Reserving the  
Constables to pay the one half of the respective sums which they shal  
for Levy & Collect unto the Reverend John Piercie our present minister  
at or before the first day of January last past & the other  
half at or before the first day of May next: & to make up their  
accounts with Joseph Houghton Town Treasurer of their Collections  
Benjamin Houghtons part of the ministers Rate is £ 36 - 2 - 3  
Constable Nathaniel Rogers part of the ministers Rate is £ 13 - 10 - 10  
Constable Jacob Hainbanks part of the ministers Rate is £ 26 - 00 - 3  
Constable Edward Phelps part of the ministers Rate is £ 23 - 10 - 6  
we also find that the Assessor have made a select Rate of  
sixty pounds & seven shillings & two pence - that they have Com



Committed Lys to the Constable with warrants Requiring them to  
Collect the same & to pay it unto Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer at or  
before the twentieth day of February next

Benjamin Houghton part of school Rate is	£ 22-03-01
Nathaniel Hapgood's part of school Rate is	£ 08-06-11
Jabez Fairbanks part of school Rate is	£ 17-04-03
Edward Phelps part of school Rate is	£ 13-05-11

we also find that y<sup>e</sup> assessors have made a Town Rate of  
fifteen pounds fifteen shillings & five pence & that they have  
Committed Lys to y<sup>e</sup> Constable with warrants to Collect the  
same Requiring them to pay their Respective parts which  
they shall so Levy & Collect in unto Jonas Houghton Town  
Treasurer or to his successor in said office at that or on  
or before the first day of April next

Constable Benjamin Houghton's part of said Rate is	£ 5-13-5
Constable Nathaniel Hapgood's part of school Rate is	£ 2-2-1
Constable Jabez Fairbanks part of school Rate is	£ 4-7-10
Constable Edward Phelps part of school Rate is	£ 3-12-1

we have also given Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer my order to Receive said  
School & Town Rates with orders to pay out a part of them as followeth

Viz of the school Rate or in Jabez (for the sum of	£ 6-2-2
to m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Barbian the sum of	£ 13-15-0
to m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Barbian the sum of	£ 13-15-0

for what he kept school at that part of Town and the said  
also to said Barbian when he shall have kept school  
of a year for the rest of the Town in the next y<sup>e</sup> like sum of £ 13-15-0  
also to m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Prentice the sum of £ 2-0-0  
for his keeping school at said place the last year twenty two shillings  
of y<sup>d</sup> forty to be taken out of that school money called the Town money  
& eighteen shillings being a part of the nine pound eight shillings four  
pence hereafter mentioned within y<sup>e</sup> said Jonas Houghton is to Receive of  
John Bennett Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1735

We have also Reconciled with said John Bennett our former Town Treasurer  
and find that he hath Payed y<sup>e</sup> whole of y<sup>e</sup> orders Drawn upon him  
Viz the whole of the School Rate except two shillings - also two  
orders Drawn upon him by the select men - the first of ten pounds  
thirteen shillings & eight pence for paying the last years Chesham  
Town Clerk & sweeping the meeting House & Thomas Carter  
for getting a by Law passed passed at the Quarter sessions -  
& to Ebenezer Wilder four shillings



the other; six pounds thirteen shillings to pay for a meeting house glass and Capt James Wilder for gitting an order to Rate Harvard. & to Joseph Wilder for a petition & a by Law: the whole of said orders amount to Seventeen pounds six shillings & Eight pence. we also find that the said John Bennitt hath Received of Capt James Wilder the twenty pounds advanced to him when he was Chosen Representative - we also find that he the said John Bennitt hath Delivered to Jonathan Houghton - twenty pounds ordered him in advance upon his being Chosen Representative so that what Remains in said John Bennitts Hands is forty five pounds Eight shillings & four pence of which money the said John Bennitt is ordered to pay unto John Flecher thirty six pounds for five Grown wouls & sixteen Grown wild Cats that have been killed in & near to said Town of - Lancaster & the Ears Cut off by the Constables in the presence of some of the select men as the Law Directs - so that there still Remains of the Towns money in sd Bennitts Hands the sum of nine pounds Eight shillings & four pence. which money the sd John Bennitt is ordered to pay to Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer. & the said Jonas Houghton is accordingly ordered to Recieve the same as well as the afore said thirty six pounds of the Province Treasurer. & to keep the forty five pounds Eight shillings & four pence till further order: we have also Reconc with y<sup>e</sup> Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice for y<sup>e</sup> year past; but finding that Samuel Warner Constable is near four pounds behind of his Collection we could obtain no acquittance for y<sup>e</sup> Town: we have also Proportioned y<sup>e</sup> school Rate & find that that the money Due to Stephen Hill School for y<sup>e</sup> present year is sixteen pounds thirteen shillings & one pence and the Remainder of the Towns part is forty three pounds six shillings & Eleven pence

Joseph Wilder }  
 Ebenezer Wilder } Select men  
 Samuel Carter } for Lancaster

- on the afore said 5<sup>th</sup> of march after the moderator was Chosen as afore said
- 2 voted that the Town would Chose five select men for the year ensuing
  - 3 votes was Called for for the Choyce of five select men & accordingly brought in & Josiah White Jonathan Houghton Joseph Wilder & Samuel Carter & Ebenezer Wilder was Chosen
  - Then the Constable warned the Town to Choyce two men to serve on the Grand Jury for the year ensuing. & one man on the petit jury the next Court
  - 4 votes was Called for for the Choyce of a Town Clerk. & brought in & Jonathan Houghton was Chosen for y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing



- 5 The Town voted that there be three Constables in the Town this present year  
6 voted that the Assessors proportions Rats to each Constable as near to an equality  
as they shall think proper & Convenient - - - - -  
7 votes was called for, for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side of the  
River & brought in & Daniel Houghton was Chosen - - - - -  
8 votes was called for, for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of  
the River & brought in & Joshua Osgood was Chosen - - - - -  
9 votes was called for, for the Choyce of a Constable on the neck and  
brought in and Aaron Willard was Chosen - - - - -  
10 votes was called for, for the Choyce of a Town Treasurer and  
brought in & Jonas Houghton was Chosen - - - - -  
11 voted to Chooze six sawyers of Highway & accordingly Chose  
Jeremiah Holman William Pollard Jonas Fairbank Ebenezer  
Polley Thomas Houghton & Uriah Holt for <sup>jd</sup> sawyers -  
12 voted & Chose James Houghton & Elias Sawyer Pythingmen for <sup>jd</sup> year Enjuing  
13 voted & Chose David Whetcomb & Joseph Beemitt penceceivers for <sup>jd</sup> year Enjuing  
14 voted & Chose Oliver more Daniel Knight & Jona<sup>in</sup> Whetcomb field drivers for haywa<sup>in</sup>  
15 voted & Chose John Beaman Jun sealer of Leather - - - - -  
16 the Constable Called for votes for the Choyce of two Grand Jury men  
& accordingly they was brought in & William Richardson & Hooker  
Osgood Jun was Chosen for said servis - - - - -  
17 the Constable Called for votes for the Choyce of a petit Jury man  
& they was brought in & James Keys was Chosen for said servis  
Then the aforejaid James Houghton who was Chosen Pything man  
desired the Town would dymis him from serving Pything man  
& the question being <sup>put</sup> whether the Town would dymis him it pass<sup>ed</sup> in the nega<sup>tive</sup>  
Then the <sup>jd</sup> James Houghton Refused to serve a Pything man; &  
The Town proceeded to the Choyce of another & Chose Ebenezer  
Beaman for a Pything man in said James Houghtons Rhome  
then the Town voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Egg<sup>e</sup> Josiah White  
& Jonathan Houghton Assessors for the year Enjuing - - -  
then the abovesaid Town meetings was adjorned to the third  
wednesday of may next to eight of the Clock in the fore noon

James Wilder moderator

The abovesaid Entred & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



what followeth is a warrant for the Calling of a Town meeting - viz -

Worcester sh:

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster qualified -  
to vote in Town affairs &c. In his majesties name you are hereby required and  
warned to meet at the meeting House in said Lancaster on wednesday the -  
sixteenth day of May Currant at eight of the Clock in the forenoon (to which time  
and place our annual Town meeting for Choice of Town officers: & our other  
Town meeting which was on the fifth day of february last: are both adjourned  
then & there to Consider, Conclude, act & do what the Town shall think proper  
and Convenient to be Done Referring to the several things hereafter -  
mentioned in this warrant: viz: Choose a farvaire of Highways in the  
Rhome of Thomas Houghton who hath neglected to take his oath to said office  
also to Choose one field Driver in the Rhome of Daniel Knights who  
hath neglected to take his oath to said office - also to let the swine  
goe at Large if the Town see Cause - also to Choose two Hogsreives  
as the Law Directs - also to Except of such Highways & Byways as shall  
be brought in to the Town & to make Reputation to such as shall have any  
of their Lands taken into said ways -  
also to make a Reasonable addition to the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentices gallery:  
or to make a yearly addition thereto. or as the Town shall think fitt  
and Convenient (in Justice) to doo Referring to said gallery -  
also to act & doo what the Town shall think proper to be Done in order  
to prevent the Church Land in Lancaster being infringed upon by any man  
also to act & doo what the Town shall think proper to be Done in order  
to their Granting a Highway Rate &c. -  
also to Grant a schoole Rate as the Town shall think fitt -  
also to Grant a Town Rate for the paying for wolves & wild Cats -  
and for other Town Charges that may arise in said Town -  
also to act & do what may be necessary to be Done in directing the  
Assessors: to order the Constables to pay the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentices  
gallery in unto the Town Treasurer -  
also to Consider, Conclude act & do what the Town shall think proper  
to be Done Referring to a petition to the select men signed Gamaliel -  
Beaman & others: which petition is as followeth: viz: March 20: 1732/3  
to the select men of the Town of Lancaster Gent<sup>men</sup>, whereay we the sub-  
scribers Inhabitants of the Westwardly & southwesterly parts of said Town  
of Lancaster have by the providence of God our Habitations fixed at  
such a Remote Distance from the place of publick worship that it is  
with great Difficulty at some seasons of the year especially that we attend  
on the same & is always attended with more Labour (as we conceive) than  
is proper for a day of holy Rest if it could Conveniently be avoided -  
and there being already settled a Considerable number of families -  
within such a Distance of each other, as also with others that  
are settling among us, that we hope in a little time by the Blessing  
of providence we shall be able to set up & support publick -



woorship among our selves. which we hope will prove much for our Ease and Comfort & benefit: that which we therefore humbly move is that the following petition may be inserted in your next warrant for the Calling of a Town meeting: that the southerly part of the additional Grant to Lancaster. & a part of said old Township (in such a Convenient time as the General Court shall see meet) might ~~now~~ <sup>be</sup> by a vote of the Town ~~sett~~ <sup>be</sup> off for a separate Township viz: that an angle be made at four miles distance from the northwesterly Corner of Lancaster old Township & a line be run over the southermost wee-  
- Capekeet Hill: & so over the Rocky Hill till it meet with the Town line - and to extend East according to this line in to the old Township one mile - and from thence to run a line southerly to the path that turn out to go to John Prescotts; ~~west~~ of Jonas Fairbanks House. and from thence to where the path formerly went over south meadow at the Lower end of Bezaleel Sawyers meadow. & from thence to the farm in the River at the lower end of Joseph Sawyers fence & so to the Town line. & that you will improve your Interest in the Town for us that they will shew their Compassionate Regard (whose offspring many of us are) in freely Granting our Request. and so we Rest yours in duty &c.: Gamaliel Beaman, Ebenezer, Prescott, Benjamin Houghton, Samuel Sawyer, Jonathan Osgood, Fairbank More, Jonathan Bealey, Thomas Ross, Joseph More, Shubael Bealey, John Snow - - -

also to Consider Conclude act & do what the Town shall think fitt to be Done Referring to a petition signed Peter Joslin & others which is as followeth viz: Lancaster April 30: 1733: To the select men of the Town of Lancaster Gentll: Greeting; we the subscribers Desire that you would put into your next warrant for a Town meeting; to see whether the Town will Builde a meeting House on the west side of the River, on the old meeting House place upon the Hill by Mr Hooker Osgoods; or upon the school House Hill near where the school House now stands; Peter Joslin, Samuel Willard, Hooker, Osgood Jabez, Fairbank, John Prescott, Ephraim Wilder, Thomas Carter, John Buss, John Bernitt, Hooker Osgood Junr, John Fletcher, Amos Sawyer, Joshua Osgood, H Ezekiah Gages, - - -

also to Consider Conclude act & do what the Town shall think fitt to be Done Referring to a petition signed Josiah Wheeler & others; which is as followeth viz: Lancaster April 30: 1733: To the select men of Lancaster Gentll: Greeting; the petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Town whose names are under written; setting forth the many Hardships & Difficulties which we for this many years have undergone in Getting to the publick worship of God. & in a peculiar manner in the winter season; these are therefore to Request of you that you put it into your next warrant for warning a Town meeting; to be held Before the Town to see whether the Town will sett off all the Inhabitants on the East side the River, to be a separate Town or precinct, beginning at Shrewesbery line, and so down said River till you come to



Harvard Line; Excepting the ~~Entervail~~ <sup>Interval</sup> Latt of Land on the East side of said River; viz: Daniel Ruggs, Thomas Carters, Samuel Willard, James Houghton Jr, Robert Phelps, & Edward Phelps Junr, Joseph Wheelocks, Deacon Josiah White, & the Heirs of Capt John White Deceased and for the better accomodating of both sides of the River; Josiah White, William Pollard, Joshua Moore, Jabez Brambank Jonathan Moore, William Keyes, John Whitney; Jeremiah Holman, Nathaniel Halman, Thomas Whitney, & William Sawyer -

and in as much as the afore said Petition have affixed and Confirmed the place of the setting of the meeting House. to the Hill by m<sup>r</sup> Hooker Ozgood or on the School House Hill: it is her farther added that the Town have their full Liberty notwithstanding (and you are alike warned, to Consider. Conclude, act & do what you shall think fitt & Convenient to be done) to sett said meeting House. some where to the Eastward of m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Wilsons House. or in any other place within the Town of Lan: -

- After that the Town shall Judge proper & Convenient -  
Dat<sup>d</sup> Lancaster May 9: 1733: By order of y<sup>e</sup> select men Donat<sup>y</sup> Houghton Town Clerk  
(The above<sup>d</sup> warrant entred by me Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk -

- May 9: 16: 1733: The free holders & other inhabitants being meet according to the above<sup>d</sup> warrant. & upon the adjournment of march meeting for choyce of town officers they proceeded to know by a vote whether they would lett the wine go at large and it passed in the affirmative -
- 1 - they voted that they would Chooze three Hogsheads -
  - 2 - votes way Called for: for the Choyse of three Hogsheads. & accordingly brought in: & Jonathan Beley, Joseph & Jabez Beaman way Chosen -
  - 3 - votes way Called for: for the Choyse of a farvair for Highways: & accordingly brought in: & Thomas Houghton way Chosen farvair &c -
  - 4 - votes way Called for: for the Choyse of a field driver. & accordingly brought in: and Daniel Knight way Chosen field driver. -
  - 5 - the Town by a vote Excepted of a High way that way Laid out by the select men, from the House of Joseph Whetcomb to the old Town Line which way is three Rods wide: & from thence to Lunenburg at uncha cha walumek Pond which way through the additional Grant to Lancaster is five Rods wide: & said way followeth: viz: it lyeth through said Whetcombs Land: & through John Bennetts Land from y<sup>e</sup> Whetcombs House to the way formerly Laid out, that goeth to the old Town line by whites Pond: & then allong y<sup>e</sup> old way by the northerly End of Capt Joshins, & said Whetcombs Land: & then the old way to the Town line: then through the additional Grant of Land as followeth. viz: through the Land that way Joseph Ballards: then through the Land that way Barbeanz: then through the Land that way Jonathan Wilsons: & then through the Land of Josiah Wheller: then through the Lands of Ebenezer Dakin: viz his first Devision Latt along by the south side of Jonathan Sawyers Latt: & there it takes an angle & Runz through the said Sawyers Lot 43 Rods: & then through the Lot that way James Barbeanz: 43 Rods: & -



and then through the Land of Jacob's Doughton 43: Rods: & then through  
the Lands of Joseph Whellock Jun: <sup>43 rods</sup> & then through the Land of Jonathan Wilson  
56: Rods: & then through the Land of Benjamin Doughton: 46: Rods: -  
and through the Land of William Dival 48: Rods: & then through the Land  
of Henry Doughton: 48: Rods: & then through the Lands of Samuel Carter: 41: Rods  
and then through the Lands of William Sawyer: 108: Rods: and then through  
the Land of Josiah White: 49: Rods: & then through the Lands of J<sup>d</sup> Samuel  
Carter: 51: Rods: & then through the Lands of the Heirs of Robert Doughton  
Jun: Deceased: 58: Rods: & then through Justice Wilders Land: 48: Rods  
and then through the Lands of Jonathan Doughton to the line of Lunenburg  
by uncatchawalunk Pond: so wide in J<sup>d</sup> Jonathan Doughtons Land that it  
takes: 120: Rods out of it; the Rest of the J<sup>d</sup> way in the additional Grant  
is five Rods wide: & the said way is marked from the House of said  
Joseph Whetcomb: to the lower end of said Ebenezer taking Lot on the  
south or southwesterly side: & from there to the line at Lunenburg  
it is marked on the north or northeasterly side: the above said way  
excepted by the Town the day above Sated; & Recorded the second day  
of february: 1733/4 by me Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk for Lancaster  
the Town excepted of away which is as follow: viz. -

Lancaster August J<sup>d</sup>: 10: 1732: then laid out a private way in the ad-  
ditional Grant to Lancaster: from wechapeket from the old Town line  
to the westerly side of Samuel Sawyers Land: & said way Runeth  
through said Sawyers Lands: thirty four Rods: & along by the Land  
of said Samuel Sawyer on the edge of the fifty acre Lot of Hazeekiah  
Willard: untill it cometh to J<sup>d</sup> Hazeekiah Willards first division Lot  
and then it Run through said one hundred & fifty two Rods to the  
Lands of John Wilder: & then through said John Wilders Land  
sixty six Rods to Amos Ruggs Land: & through said Amos Ruggs  
Land sixty Rods to the Land of the Heirs of John Whetcomb.  
Deceased: & through said Heirs Land eighty four Rods to the Land  
of John Snow: & then it Run through the Land of said John Snow  
forty four Rods to the Land of Simon Maimor: & through the said  
Simon Maimors Land forty two Rods to the Lands of Hazeekiah  
Whetcomb: & then it Run through said Hazeekiah Whetcombs  
Land forty Rods to the Lands of John Snow: & then it Run  
through said John Snow Land forty Rods to the other Lot  
of said Hazeekiah: & from thence it Run through the said Lot  
of said Hazeekiah Whetcombs eighty Rods to the Lot of Ruben  
Ruggs & then it Run through said Ruben Ruggs Lot: forty  
Rods to the Lot of Samuel Kendol: & then it Run through  
said Samuel Kendols Lot forty Rods: & then it Run through  
Common Land to the old Town Line: also the above said: 10 of August  
laid a way from the Lot of Nathaniel Carter <sup>to the other side of the said way</sup> through Denies Lot  
sixty two Rods: & through James Butlers Lot seventy three Rods  
through Ebenezer Palley's Lot fifty Rods: & in said Nathaniel Carters Lot  
the above said ways excepted the 16 of may: 1733: & Entered  
and Recorded the second day of february: 1733/4 by me Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk



- on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May afore said the Town being meet according to warning given by the Constables by warrants from the select men &c. - - - - -
- 8 - votes was called for by the select men for the Choyce of a Representative: and accordingly brought in. and m James Keyes was Chosen Representative agreeable to the afore written warrant that bareth date may 13: 1733 - the freeholders & other Inhabitants being meet on the afore said 16<sup>th</sup> of May: 1733:
- 1 - they Chose m James Keyes moderator for the Remainder of said Town meeting
  - 2 - they voted that said James Keyes Receive twenty pounds out of the Town Treasury: the said Keyes Repaying said twenty pounds back into said Town Treasury: so soon as he shall Receive his wages for serving Representative
  - 3 - the question was putt to know if the Town would add forty pounds to the Reverend m John Prentices salary for the present year: & it passed in negative
  - 4 - the question was putt to know if the Town would add thirty pounds to the Rev<sup>d</sup> m John Prentices salary for the present year & it passed in affirmative
  - 5 - they voted that they would Chose a Committee to Renew the bounds at the Church Land: & to make bound where they are gone: agreeable to the Records of said Land in the Town Book: & accordingly they Chose Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> m Jabez Fairbank & Decon Joziah White for said Committee - - - - -
  - 6 - they voted that what men are behind in the old Highway Rates be put together: & what men have over Rought in said Highway Rates be Deducted and what is Remaining to be made up one Hundred pounds in a Rate for this year: and the select men are to Compute the matter & make said Rate
  - 7 - the Town Granted a school Rate of sixty pounds for maintaining the School for the present year &c. - - - - -
  - 8 - the Town Granted a Rate of fifty pounds for the paying for wolves & wildcats: & for the defraying of other Town Charges &c. - - - - -
  - 9 - the Town by a vote ordered that the ministers Rate, school Rate and the Town Rate already granted: be made in one List. and that the Constables be ordered to pay said money of sd Rates in unto the Town Treasurer &c. - - - - -
  - 10 - the question was putt to know whether the Request of: Gamaliel Bema Ebenezer Prejeott, Benjamin Houghton, Samuel Sawyer, Jonathan Bealey, Fairbank Moore, Jonathan Osgood, Thomas Ross, Joseph Moore, Shubel Bealey & John Snow: be Granted & it passed in negative -
  - 11 - the question was putt to know whether the Request of: Peter Joslin, Samuel Willard, Hooker Osgood, Jabez Fairbank, Ephraim Wilder, Thomas Carter, John Buss, John Bennitt, Hooker Osgood Jun<sup>r</sup>, John Fletcher, Almo, Sawyer, Joshua Osgood & H Ezekiah Gates: <sup>be granted</sup> & it passed in the negative -
  - 12 - the question was putt to know whether the Request of: Joziah Wheller, William Pollard, Joshua Moore, Jabez Fairbank, Jonathan Moore, William Keyes, John Whitney, Jeremias Holman, Nathaniel Holman, Thomas Whitney & William Sawyer be Granted & it passed in negative

James Keyes moderator

Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster February 26<sup>th</sup> 1733/4. Then returned with Mr  
 Ebenezer Wilder, and Mr Jonathan Houghton, select  
 men, and I have received the whole of my Salary  
 for that year which ended July 1<sup>st</sup> 1732. also for  
 that year which ended July 1<sup>st</sup> 1733.  
 I say received by me  
 John Prentice.

Lancaster march the 4<sup>th</sup> 1733/4 the freeholders & other inhabitants of said town  
 qualified to vote in town affairs being met according to due warning given &c.  
 they chose Capt Ephraim Wilder moderator & then the select men for the year  
 1733 gave in the account of their managing of the prudentiall affairs of sd town  
 which accounts are as followeth: viz: Beside the warning of town meetings  
 &c: they have Examined the Assessors for said year & find that the said  
 Assessors have made a Province Rate of fifty two pounds six shillings  
 & eight pence & have Comitted Lits to the Constable to Collect the same  
 the said Assessors have also made a minority Rate of one hundred & thirty  
 pounds six shillings & eight pence: & have Comitted Lits to the Constable with  
 warrants Requiring them to Collect & pay in the same to Mr Jonas Houghton  
 Town Treasurer (or to his successor in said office) the one half of what they  
 shall so Levy & Collect at or before the first day of <sup>January</sup> 1733/4. and the other  
 half at or before the first day of June next: and to Compleat & make  
 up their accounts at or before the first day of July next &c: — — —

Constable Daniel Houghton part y	47-12-1
Constable Joshua Osgoods part y	41-17-0
Constable Aaron Willards part y	32-17-7

They have also Examined the assessors & find that they have made a Rate  
 (for the support of a school in said town & for the defraying of other  
 town Charges that are arisen or that may arise within sd town) of the  
 sum of one hundred & thirteen pounds seventeen shillings & three pence -  
 and have Comitted Lits to the Constables with warrants Requiring them  
 to Levy & Collect the same & to pay what they are so to Levy & Collect  
 in unto Mr Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer or to his successor in said  
 office at or before the first day of february current, & to Compleat  
 & make up their accounts at or before the first day of march next. — — —

Constables Daniel Houghton part y	44-11-6
Constable Aaron Willards part y	28-2-2
Constable Joshua Osgoods part y	41-3-7

They find that the assessors due for making Rates y	5-0-0
Joseph Wilders part y	1-0-0
Joiah Whites part y	0-16-0
Jonathan Houghton part y	3-4-0

They have also given Mr Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1733  
 order to Receive twenty pounds of Jonathan Houghton when he shall  
 Receive his wages for serving Representative &c: — — —



8<sup>th</sup> way called for the said 10<sup>th</sup> day of may agreeable to the warning in that  
business & accordingly brought in unto the select men: & m<sup>r</sup> James Keys  
was Chosen Representative &c. - - - - -

agreeable to the afore said warrant which is Entered in this Book where  
in there is the Request of sundry persons to the select men the next  
being met on said sixteenth day of may: 1733: &c. - - - - -

1<sup>st</sup> & they Chose m<sup>r</sup> James Keys moderator - - - - -

2<sup>nd</sup> the Town Granted that said James Keys Receive twenty pounds  
out of the Town Treasury: he to pay it bak into sd Treasury so  
sone as he shall Receive his wages for serving Representative &c. -

3<sup>rd</sup> the question way put to know if the Town would Grant forty pounds  
to be added to the Reverend m<sup>r</sup> John Prentices salary for this present year  
and it passed in the negative - - - - -

(They have also given said Treasurer orders to Receive the thirty six pounds  
of the Province Treasurer which is due for woolves & Cats Bill -

They have also given said Town Treasurer orders to Receive of John Bennett  
the former Town Treasurer the sum of nine pounds Eight shillings & four pen

They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay to John Fletcher  
two pounds & thirteen shillings & six pence for what his Rates was to  
short: & for what Nathan Bardeys Rates was (he deserting & not paying them)

They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to Deliver out of the  
Town Treasury twenty pounds to m<sup>r</sup> James Keys our Representative  
for y<sup>e</sup> year: 1733: which money sd Keys is to <sup>pay</sup> bak into said Treasury  
so sone as he shall Receive his wages for serving as Representative &c.:

(They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to Receive of Daniel  
Houghton one of the Constables of Lancaster the sum of 49 - 12 - 1  
and of Joshua Ozgood Constable the sum of 47 - 17 - 0  
and of Aaron Willard Constable the sum of 32 - 17 - 7  
the whole of said Rate is the sum of money that is to pay the salary  
of the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice (our minister) for the year that ended  
July the first: 1734: - - - - -

(They have also Given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay unto the said  
m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice the sum of sixty five pounds at on or before the first  
day of January: 1733/4: and the Remaining part of said Rate at on or  
before the first day of July next which will be in the year - 1734 - -

They have also Given said Jonas Houghton orders to Receive of the  
Constables the sum of one hundred & thirteen pounds seven shillings  
and three pence: it being a Rate for the school & for the defraying of  
other Town Charges - - - - -

Constable Daniel Houghtons part is the sum of 44 - 11 - 6

Constable Joshua Ozgoods part is the sum of 41 - 3 - 7

Constable Aaron Willards part is the sum of 28 - 2 - 2

they have also Given orders to said Jonas Houghton to pay m<sup>r</sup> Anna  
Janyet alias Ross the sum of two pounds & five shillings for her sweep  
the meeting house in the year - 1733



They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay } to Joseph Wilder - 1 - 0 - 0  
the Assessors for making Rates the sum of five pounds viz } to Josiah White - 0 - 16 - 0  
to Josiah Houghton - 3 - 4 - 0

They have also perambulated in this year 1733 with the Town of Marlborough Westborough. flow. Harvard, & Lunenburg: & also sent men to perambulate with shrewsbury: but they did not meet our men that we sent at the time & place they have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay to m<sup>r</sup> Josiah swan for keeping school at wataugawack the sum of £ 16 - 15 - 5 which is their whole part of the last school Rate viz £ 5 - 0 - 0  
They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay to m<sup>r</sup> Josiah swan £ 13 - 15 - 0 for his keeping of school one quarter of a year in that part of the Town called the Neck which quarter of a year ended february the ninth - 1733/4

They have also agreed with said Josiah swan to keep school on the neck one quarter of a year which quarter will end may the tenth - 1734

They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay to m<sup>r</sup> swan the the sum of £ 13 - 15 - 0 as soon as m<sup>r</sup> swan shall have kept school 3<sup>d</sup> quarter

They have also given said Jonas Houghton orders to pay to himself the sum of seventeen shillings: which with what he hath already Received will pay him the whole of the six pounds he lent to Gerzhom Houghton to pay for wolves & Cats when there was not money enough in y<sup>e</sup> Treasury

They have also Reconc'd with Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer for the years 1732 & 1733: & find that when he hath paid the three sums as aforesaid unto m<sup>r</sup> Josiah swan that there will then be in said Jonas Houghtons hands: of the School Rate the sum of £ 26 - 14 - 11

They have also Reconc'd with said Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer & find that he hath paid & is ordered to pay the whole of the Rate of £ 15 - 15 - 5 that was granted in february 1732/3: Except eight shillings: and that he hath paid & is ordered to pay out of the Town Rate of fifty three pounds seventeen shillings and three pence (which is made in the same list with the school Rate of £ 60 - 5 - 0 granted in the year 1733) the sum of five pounds to the Assessors for their making of Rates in the said year 1733

They have also Reconc'd with m<sup>r</sup> John Bennitt Town Treasurer for the year 1731: & find that he hath Cleared upon all accounts (as Treasurer) according to his orders &c.

They have also Reconc'd with the Rever<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice & he hath given a Receipt in this Town Book that he hath Rec<sup>d</sup> the whole of his fallery for the year that ended July the first 1732: & also for the year that ended July the first 1733

The above said accounts Dated } Jonathan Houghton }  
Lancaster february 26<sup>th</sup> - 1733/4 } Samuel Carter } Select men  
Ebenezer Wilder } of Lancaster

(The above said accounts Entered by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster In the afore said meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of march & the laws was publicly Read agreeable to the direction of the Law of this province

- 2 - the Town voted that they would Choose five select men for 3 years ending
- 3 - votes was Called for for the Choyce of five select men & accordingly brought in and Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>. Jonathan Houghton. Samuel Carter. Capt Ephraim Wilder and Capt Thomas Carter was Chosen for the said select men &c.
- 4 - votes was Called for for the Choyce of a Town Clerk. and accordingly brought in and Jonathan Houghton was Chosen Town Clerk: &c.
- 5 - votes was Called for for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side of the River & accordingly brought in & William Houghton was Chosen: but he being under some weakness of body at that time, the Town dignized him for this year



- 6 - votes was called for for the Choyce of a Constable on the east side of the River and accordingly Brought in and Jonathan Whetcomb was Chosen - - - -
- 7 - votes was called for for the Choyce of a Constable on that side of the River called the neck & accordingly brought in and Uriah Holt was Chosen - - - -
- 8 - votes was called for for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of the River and accordingly brought in & Ephraim Sawyer was Chosen - - - -
- 9 - Benjamin Houghton & Ephraim Wilder Junr was Chosen Jarvins of Highways - - - -
- 10 - Benjamin Wilson & David Whetcomb was Chosen Jarvins of Highways - - - -
- 11 - Amos Knight & Joseph Wilson was Chosen Jarvins of Highways - - - -
- 12 - John Fletcher & George Glazier was Chosen Pything men - - - -
- 13 - Eng<sup>r</sup> Peter Joslin & William Pollard was Chosen fine viewers - - - -
- 14 - William Richardson was Chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing - - - -
- 15 - Josiah Richardson was Chosen scales & leather for the year ensuing - - - -
- 16 - the Town voted to lett all prime goo at large for the year ensuing - - - -
- 17 - James Houghton Junr. Exor<sup>r</sup> Sawyer & Nathaniel Hudson was Chosen dogreay & field drivers - - - -
- 18 - John Belman Juner was excepted by the Town to serve Constable in the Rhome & free of Ephraim Sawyer &c: - - - -
- 19 - The Town by a vote granted Jonathan Houghton forty shillings for his Recording of High ways & for serving Town Clerk in the year 1733 - - - -
- 20 - votes was called for by the Constable for the Choyce of two Grand jury men and accordingly brought in & Decon Josiah White & m<sup>r</sup> Bezaleel Sawyer was Chosen - - - -
- 21 - votes was called for by the Constable for the Choyce of a petit jury man & brought in Gamaliel Beaman was Chosen - - - -
- 22 - Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> Josiah White & Jonathan Houghton was Chosen Assessors - - - -
- 23 - the Town by a vote granted a High way Rate of Eighty pounds to be made by the last years Invoice - - - -
- 24 - The Town voted that the select men prefer a petition to the General Court in behalfe of the Town; in order to the Building of Block House from Dunstable to fort Dummer (so called) - - - -  
(then the meeting by a vote of the Town was adjorned to the second monday of may next to nine of the Clock in the fore noon - - - -)

Ephraim Wilder moderator

The above said Entered & Jon<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster

Lancaster may the 13<sup>th</sup> 1734: agreeable to the adjournment of the meeting from the fourth of march: Last past the free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs being meet: first they Excepted of a byway laid out by the select men from the westerly side of the Land of Jonathan Powers on which he now dwelleth to the way that goeth to wylham coming into said way that goeth to wylham a few Rods to the westward of where it crozeth the Brook above Jabez Fairbanks Bezaleel Sawyer and Herzekiah Gates's sawmill, a litle wayz to the southeast (or thereabouts) of Jonas Fairbanks House: said byway that beginn at the west side of said Jonathan Powers's Land cometh along in said Land 67 Rods to Land of Burpee & through it two Rods to Common & then in Common 68 Rods to the Land of Jonas Wilder & through it 2 Rods to the Land of Benjamin Houghton 208 Rods to Land of David (Kamar) & through it 66 Rods to the Land of David of goods & through it 78 Rods to the Land of m<sup>rs</sup> Prentice and then through said m<sup>rs</sup> Prentice & said David of goods Land half in each 36 Rods to another place where it goeth along said of goods Land 29 Rods to



So where it goeth through said Prentices & said Osgoods Land half in Each. 62 Rods to the Land of Jonathan Osgoods & through it. 25 Rods to Emmon & so in Common to the Land of Eliaszawyer & through it. 70 Rods to the Land of Capt Dupree & through it (in which Land there is allowance for a way already made) and so along over the Ridge Hill so Called & down to the old Town: & then along through the Land of Ephraim Sawyer & Benjamin Houghton Junr. & Jonas Fairbank to the way laid out towards wayhacorn afore said; the said byway is laid as it is now used & marked along by the House of Benjamin Houghton Jr & the House of David Osgood & the House that mad<sup>r</sup> Prentice hath Built. & along by the House of Jonathan Osgood - & the House of Ephraim Sawyer & the house of Benjamin Houghton Junr. & near to the House of Jonas Fairbank &c: & it is marked on the northerly side: & it is laid out three Rods wide (except from the Easterly side of the House of Benjamin Houghton Jr to the going down of the Hill westward of it 64 Rods it is laid out five Rods wide which Land so far as the way is five Rods wide the <sup>d</sup> Benjamin Houghton Jr doth give for publick use so long as said way shall be established & used as a way) (The said byway was laid out the 18 Day of march. 1733/4)

Samuel Carter  
Jon<sup>r</sup> Houghton  
Thomas Carter } Selectmen  
of Lancaster

and Read before & Excepted by the Town may<sup>r</sup>: 13: 1734 in order to be Recorded - - -  
and accordingly Recorded may the 23: 1734 & Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk - - -  
note Here followeth the Coppy of a warrant for Calling of a Town meeting &c:

Worship<sup>t</sup> Js: So vria<sup>t</sup> Helt one of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster: Greeting  
(These are in his majesties name to Require you to wame all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Lancaster that live on that side of the River Called the neck. that are qualified to vote in the Choyce of a Representative (and other Town affairs) as the Law directs; to meet at the meeting House in said Lancaster on monday the thirtieth day of may Currant at one of the Clock in the after noon. then & there to Elect & Depute one or more person or persons (being freeholders & Resident in said Lancaster) to serve for & Represent the said Town of Lancaster in a Great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be held & Kept for his majesties service at the Court House in Boston upon wednesday the twenty ninth day of may Currant; and also to Consider. Conclude. act & do what the said Town shall think proper & Convenient to be done in answer to the petition of Gamaliel Beaman & others: which is as followeth -- Lancaster April: 26: 1734

To the select men of the Town of Lancaster: Gentlemen: we the subscribers Living in the southwesterly part of the afore said Lancaster: desire that this our petition may be sett forth in your next warrant for Calling a Town meeting: it is as followeth; that the Town will by a vote free those of us in the said southwesterly part of Lancaster (that shall subscribe for the preaching of <sup>the</sup> Gospel Conveanently among us: for one quarter of a year in <sup>the</sup> winter season) from our part of the ministers Rate the next year; or so much of it as the Town shall see fitt; or something Else agreeable to the Town & Equally beneficial to us: Gamaliel Beaman, Benjamin Houghton - Samuel Sawyer, Jonathan Powers, David Osgood, David Parrar, Thomas Rose, Joseph more, Jonathan Osgood, Samuel Gily, Oliver Moul, & make Return of this warrant to some one of the select men (with your doings thereon) before the Hour of said meeting - - -

Dated at Lancaster may <sup>2<sup>th</sup></sup> 7: 1734;  
(The other warrants for warning <sup>meeting</sup> are the same of this except the party of the Town & the Constable names &c.)

Ephraim Wilder  
Samuel Carter  
Jon<sup>r</sup> Houghton } Select men  
of Lancaster



May the 13: 1734: agreed to the aforesaid warrant for Calling a Town meet  
 The freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Lancaster being meet, & the voters all Cate  
 votes was Called for by the select men for the Choyce of a Representative & brought  
 Capt Ephraim Wilder was Chosen - - - - -  
 then the Town by their vote gave the select men order: to give the Town Treasurer  
 orders to deliver out of the Treasury twenty pounds to Capt Ephraim Wilder our prese  
 Representative: which sd Wilder is to Repay into the Treasury so soon as he shall rece  
 his wages for said servij: - - - - -  
 Then the meeting was adjourned (by a vote of the Town) to the Last monday of  
 August next to eight of the Clock in the fore noon - - - - -  
 Entered Jos: Houghton Town Clerk. Ephraim Wilder moderator

To the select men of the Town of Lancaster  
 I am directed by the said select men to  
 present to you the following petition

the Petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of sd Town  
 of Lancaster: the Petitioners of a Town meeting upon said Request: viz  
 August 8: 1734: to the select men of the Town of Lancaster: & shew  
 that whereas we the subscribers the Inhabitants in the westwardly & south-  
 wardly part of the Town of Lancaster: have our habitations fixed  
 at such a Remote Distance from the place of publick worship: that it is  
 with Difficulty that we attend the same: & as much as there is a Con-  
 siderable number of families in the said part of the Town of Lancaster  
 who are desirous that we a settling amongst us: that we hope in  
 a little time by the Blessing of God: we shall be able to sett up and support  
 the publick worship in our own place: & as we have already received  
 much for our Last Year's Comfort & Benevill: that which we therefore  
 petition is that the following petition may be in: & in your next  
 meeting you will be pleased to take into consideration the  
 petition of the said Inhabitants: & that you will be so good as to  
 send a Committee of four persons to view the said petition: & that a line be  
 run from the southwardly part of the Town of Lancaster: & over the Rocky Hill  
 and to the Town line: and then to extend Eastward into the old Town  
 one mile: & from thence to Run a line southerly till it come to the fence  
 & the River at the lower end of Joseph Sawyers fe fence: & so to  
 extend to the Town line: & so we humbly ask your favorable regard  
 in that Request: and we remain always in Duty &c Benjamin Wright  
 Samuel Gibbs, Samuel Barker, Joseph Moore, David & Jonathan  
 Balow, Thomas Balow, Jeremiah Whitcomb, Samuell Moore & others  
 noore, Jonathan Wright

Lancaster August the 12: 1734 To the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Lancaster: that are to be present in Town meeting  
 in his majesties name to wame you to meet at the meeting  
 in sd Town on the Last monday of sd August: at eight of the  
 Clock in the fore noon: then & there to consider, Conclude. act & do what  
 may seeme good think proper to be done in answer to the above  
 Petition &c.  
 Samuel Carter  
 Jonathan Houghton  
 Joseph Wilder  
 select men



Lancaster August the 10: 1734: These in his majesties name to wame  
the freholders & other inhabitants of said Lancaster: that we have called on  
you in (town affairs) to meet at the meeting House in said Lancaster on Monday  
the twenty fifth day of August instant at eight of the clock in the forenoon  
there to consider & conclude act & do what the Town shall think proper  
to be done in granting some money to be added to the R<sup>d</sup> of Prouties -  
said up or to the house that you shall see fit for this year, falling due to  
said Prouties. Conclude act & do what they shall think proper or to come in  
answer to what hath been presented to the select men signed by  
Whitney & others. which is as follows Viz: To the select men at the  
Town of Lancaster: Greeting: Gentlemen: this sheweth that we the  
select men & others of the inhabitants of the Town living in the  
Town a long part thereof desire that you would be pleased to grant  
a warrant for a Town meeting or else to notice the select men to  
that to the (Town at their meeting may be ready to hear & lay out  
in a petition which will be (if we have opportunity) laid before the  
Town to shew our desire to be sett off as a meeting or a sum of money  
otherwise to Building two Parish meeting Houses in said Town -  
Jann Whitney, Jeremiah Holman, James Rogers, Jonathan Moore,  
William Sawyer, Jonah Wheeler, Nathaniel Freeman, William Rogers,  
William Elliott, Daniel Greenough: also to grant a warrant for the  
granting of the necessary Charge of the Town & for the support of the  
select men

Joseph Wilder  
Samuel Carter  
Ephraim Wilder  
Thomas Carter  
Jonathan Houghton  
} Select men  
of Lancaster

Lancaster August 26: 1734: agreeable to the agreement of the Town  
meeting from the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May last past: and to the afore mentioned  
warrant: the freholders & other inhabitants of Lancaster qualified to  
vote in (town affairs) being met: & sworn, ~~and the select men~~  
being Read: the Town presented & Chose Capt Ephraim Wilder moderator  
then the Town ordered the Town to Chose a man to serve on the  
Grand jury: next suppers Court: (and called for a warrant  
in m<sup>o</sup> Joseph Wheeler was Chosen: also to Chose one man to  
to serve on the petit jury: and voted a warrant for it brought  
and m<sup>o</sup> John (Rainbank) was chosen.

- 2 The question was put whether the Town would make the R<sup>d</sup> of  
Prouties falling: 160 pounds & it passed in the negative
- 3 The question was put whether the Town would make R<sup>d</sup> of Prouties  
falling for the present year 160<sup>ll</sup> & it passed in the negative
- 4 The question was put to know if the Town would make R<sup>d</sup> of  
Prouties falling for the present year 150: it passed in the negative
- 5 The question was put to know if the Town would make R<sup>d</sup> of Prouties  
falling for the present year 140: and it passed in the affirmative



6 The question was put to know whether the Town would Grant a Rate  
to be for the support of a school, and twenty pounds, for the defraying  
of the same. It was made in one sign, & it passed in the affirmative.  
In the petition of John Whitney & others in which was mentioned in  
the Request to the select men signed John Whitney & others, was laid  
before the Town, which petition is as follows, viz: — — —  
(at the select men and the Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster greeting  
Gentlemen my brethren that we the subscribers and others the Inhabi-  
tants Living in the southeasterly part of sd Town, which you  
cannot but be sensible of the Circumstances of the most of us (if not  
considered) Living very remote from the meeting House and therefore  
unable of attending the Publick worship of God without great  
difficulties which make the day of Rest a day of the greatest labour to the  
most of us, which makes us very uneasy: now it is our Desire, and  
Desire that you would let us off for a Town or Precinct, to set out the bound-  
aries agreeable with the vote of the Town some time ago passed except what was  
taken off for servants; that so we may come in time to our places, to  
attend our duty to the publick worship of God, and enjoy the  
Privileges which we ought & desire to have as Christians; and further, if you  
do not incline to set us off as a Town nor Precinct, then it is our Desire that  
there may be two Parishes, to wit, dividing the Parish as agreed  
upon at the last meeting, and each Parish to have a meeting house, to wit, one  
in the north and one in the south, to wit, as divided & maintained  
by the whole Town in General; which we desire you would take into  
consideration, and something to be done in our behalf. John Whitney,  
Samuel Hays, Samuel Hays, Samuel Hays, Daniel Bruce, Phillip  
Hays, Samuel Hays, William Hays, William Hays, Daniel  
Hays, Samuel Hays, To wit, Hayscomb, Joseph Hayscomb,  
Nathaniel Hayscomb, Simon Hayscomb, Thomas Hayscomb — — —

The Town on a vote adjourned the afore said meeting to the last Tuesday  
of October next, to wit, of the Clock in the forenoon to the meeting  
house in the town of Lancaster, Ephraim Hays Moderator, Nathaniel Hays Town

Here follows the Request of sundry of the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster together with the warning for a Town meeting in  
any or more to which Request is as follows, viz: — — —  
To the select men of the Town of Lancaster; Greeting; Gentlemen  
This sheweth that we the subscribers as we are the Inhabitants of sd  
Town; desire that you would be pleased to notify the Inhabitants  
of sd Town, in which part of the town of sd Town  
meeting; to consider the Difficulties of many of the Inhabitants of sd  
Town in respect of their attending the publick worship, there being  
but one meeting house; our Request is that the Town would take  
it into their serious Consideration; and do something which may



to be + in the Town in General which in my opinion shall be to  
 build two meeting Houses; one on the westerly side of the River  
 and the other on the Easterly side of the River, where it may be  
 most Convenient for the present Inhabitants, & such Land as is  
 likely to be settled within the Bound of the Parishes; and one  
 the Parishes of each Parish. Pitch upon the place to sett said  
 House; and if the Town think best to Build their own Houses  
 separate from other Charges, and all other Charges to be paid by the  
 Town in General. I have signed with me  
 Daniel Greenleaf, John More, William [unclear], [unclear],  
 Israel Hale, Jonathan Houghton, Jonathan [unclear], Joseph [unclear],  
 William [unclear], John Beaman, Simon Butler, Josiah [unclear]

Seal

To the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
 qualified of the Law directly to vote in Town affairs &c. This may shew  
 you are hereby Required to meet at the meeting House in Lancaster  
 aforesaid, on the last Tuesday of October Current at Eight of the  
 Clock in the morning, then and there to Consider of and act upon  
 the several Particulars adjoined over to that time & place, with them  
 is above sett forth in this paper &c. & also to Grant such Relief, to meet  
 or are obliged to see to other. To our meeting, it shall be Resolved  
 Dated at Lancaster October 14: 1734.

The above Entred by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk	Joseph Wilder Ephraim Wilder Samuel Carter Jonathan Houghton Thomas Carter	select men of Lancaster
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The freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Town as aforesaid; not meeting  
 at time & place, as above wamed to meet; the said meeting, sanctioned & way lost

Seal

Here followeth a warrant for Calling a Town meeting &c. - - - - -  
 To Vriah Holt Constable of Lancaster &c. In his majesties name  
 you are hereby Required to wame the freeholders and other Inhabitants  
 of sd Town (living within your precinct) Qualified of the Law  
 directly to vote in Town affairs; to meet at the meeting House in sd  
 Town on the third monday of December next at nine of the Clock  
 in the morning; then & there to Consider of and act upon the several  
 Particulars hereafter mentioned: viz; on the Desire of Gamaliel  
 Beaman & others, Baring Date November 8: 1734: Requesting, that  
 it might be inserted, in the next warrant for Calling a Town meeting;  
 That it is to see if the Town by a vote will sett off a Certain part  
 of it, to be a separate Township by it self in such Convenient  
 time as the Generall Court shall see meet; That y; that an angle  
 be made at four miles distance from the northwesterly Corner of  
 Lancaster old Township, and a line be Rann over the souther



southerly we capequet Hill. and go over the Rocky Hill. & go till it  
 meet with the Town line. & to extend Eastward into the old Township  
 one mile: & from thence to Run a line southward to a point on the  
 South River at the lower end of Joseph Sawyer sen<sup>r</sup>'s fence & go to  
 extend to the Town line; also the desire of Colonall Samuel Willard and  
 others: bearing date November 9<sup>th</sup>. 1734: Requesting the Town might be  
 notified to appear at the meetinghouse to do something that may be best  
 for the Town in General; which they are of opinion will be to build  
 two meetinghouses; one on the westerly side of the River. or on the neck  
 and the other on the Easterly side of sd<sup>d</sup> River where it will be most  
 convenient for the present Inhabitants. and such lands as are likely to be  
 settled within the bounds of sd<sup>d</sup> Parishes: and that the Parishesmen of each  
 think best. that each Parish build their own house sepevate from  
 other Charges; and all other Charges to be paid in general &c. -  
 and make due Return of this warrant. & your doings thereon. unto some  
 one of us the subscribers, before the time sett for sd<sup>d</sup> meeting - -  
 Dated at Lancaster November 9<sup>th</sup>. 1734: Joseph Wilder -  
 Thomas Carter -  
 Jonathan Houghton -  
 Samuel Carter -

The other warrants are the same as this  
 Except the Constables names &c. - - - } select men  
 of Lancaster

Lancaster December the 16<sup>th</sup>: the Town being meet<sup>ed</sup> (on the third monday  
 of December according to the aforesaid warrants) and the warrants with  
 the Returns on them being Read: firstly they proceeded to bring in their  
 votes for a moderator. & being brought in & sorted. Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 was Chosen moderator &c. - - -

- 2- upon the Request of Colonall Samuel Willard & others. the question  
 was put. whether the Town will proceed to Build two meetinghouses  
 the one on the westerly side of the River. or on the neck. and the other  
 on the Easterly side of sd<sup>d</sup> River: and it passed in the negative - - -
- 3 The question was put to know whether the Request of Gamaliel Beama  
 and others be granted. & it passed in the negative - - -
- 4 The meeting was dissolved by a vote of the Town. Joseph Wilder moder  
 The above said Entered of Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster



- Lancaster march the 3: 1734/5: The freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs: being meet according to due warning given (it being the annual Town meeting for Choyce of Town officers) &c.
- 1 - they voted & Chose Jonathan Houghton Moderator for said meeting then the Laws was Read by the Town Clerk of the Law Direct &c.
  - 2 - the Question was put to know if the Town would Chose five select men for the year ensuing & it passed in the affirmative
  - 3 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of five select men & accordingly brought in & Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>: Samuel Carter, Jonathan Houghton, Josiah White & Hooker of good Juner way Chosen &c.
  - 4 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Town Clerk & brought in and Jonathan Houghton way Chosen Town Clerk &c.
  - 5 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of the River & brought in & Joseph Moore way Chosen &c.
  - 6 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on that side of the River Called the neck & brought in & Joseph Whetcomb way Chosen &c.
  - 7 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side of the River & brought in & William Houghton way Chosen but then the said Joseph Whetcomb & William Houghton, each of them paid down their five pounds: &c.
  - 8 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the neck in the Rheme of Joseph Whetcomb: & brought in & Robert Phelps way Chosen.
  - 9 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the East side of the River, in the Rheme of William Houghton: & brought in & William Pollard way Chosen &c.
  - 10 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Town Treasurer: & brought in: & Capt Oliver Wilder way Chosen & Treasurer
  - 11 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of a Jurvaier of Hemp & Flax and brought in & Jonathan Houghton way Chosen &c.
  - 12 - the Question was put whether the Town would Chose three Assessors & it passed in the affirmative
  - 13 - votes way Called for: for the Choyce of three Assessors & brought in & Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>: Jonathan Houghton & Josiah White way Chosen said Assessors  
Then Joseph Moore paid down five pounds to Clear him from serving Constable &c.
  - Then the Constable, according to his warning given, Called for votes to Chose two Grand Jury men: & 2<sup>d</sup> votes being brought in: Jonathan Houghton & Capt Thomas Carter way Chosen  
Then votes way Called for by the Constable for the Choyce of a petit Jury men & Josiah White way Chosen &c.



- 14 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of the River in the Rhome of Joseph Moore. & brought in & Samuel Sawyer was Chosen. but he paid down his five pounds to Clear him from serving Constable &c. —
- 15 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of the River. and brought in & Gershom Doughton was Chosen. but he Refused to serve &c. —
- 16 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of a Constable on the west side of the River & brought in & Ebenezer Palley was Chose
- 17 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of two farwairs of Highways on the East side of the River: & brought in & Josiah Richardson and James Doughton Junr was Chosen &c.
- 18 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of two farwairs of Highways on the neck & Jonathan White & Daniel Knight was Chosen &c.
- 19 - votes was called for: for the Choyce of two farwairs of Highways on the west side of the River & Jonathan Bailey & Benj<sup>m</sup> Osgood was Chosen
- 20 - the Town voted & Chose Ebenezer Beaman & Benja<sup>m</sup> Atherton fenceviewers
- 21 - the Town voted & Chose Claron Willard, John Sawyer and John Doughton ser<sup>ts</sup> Hogshead & field drivers
- 22 - the Town voted & Chose Jonathan Kendol & Ensign Peter Joslin Pythingmen &c. —
- 23 - the Town voted & Chose Amos Sawyer sealer of Leather &c.

Then the select men for the year 1734 gave in their accounts of the management of the prudentials affairs of the Town in 2<sup>d</sup> year: 1734 which accounts are as followeth: viz. March y: 11: 1733/4 the select men met at the House of Capt Thomas Carters: & first they made a Highway Rate for y<sup>e</sup> year 1734: & Committed Letters to the farwairs for said year for them to see wrought out and y<sup>e</sup> select men have given Jonas Doughton the former Town Treasurer orders to pay to Capt James Wilder the sum of seven shillings & six pence for the Towns measure or stand & they have also given said Jonas Doughton an order to pay unto Jonathan Doughton forty shillings for serving town Clerk: & for Recording of Highways in y<sup>e</sup> year: 1733 may y: 13: 1734: (being Town meeting day) the select men gave Jonas Doughton y<sup>e</sup> former Town Treasurers orders to pay to William Buttrick sixteen shillings for what he had heretofore paid in our Town when he was Rate at Concord also another order to deliver twenty pounds unto Capt Ephraim Wilder our Representative: he to Return it into y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurers when he shall Receive his acc<sup>t</sup> &c.



also another order to pay unto Jonathan <sup>Houghton</sup> Twenty shillings for  
his making of Rates Before this day - - - - -

August 4<sup>th</sup> 1734: the select men gave Jon<sup>y</sup> Houghton the former  
Town Treasurer order to pay to Thomas Dick fifteen shilling  
and three pence for what he was over Rated the last year  
They have also Examined the Assessors for the year 1734 and  
find that they have made a Province Rate of £ 157 - 17 - 4  
and that they have Committed lists to the Constables to Collect  
the same &c.

and that the said Assessors have made a ministers Rate of -  
£ 130 - 0 - 0: & a school & Town Rate of £ 81 - 0 - 0: and  
that they have given m<sup>r</sup> William Richardson our Town Treas-  
-urer orders to Receive the one half of s<sup>d</sup> ministers Rate  
of the Constables the first of January 1734/5 at the time  
said Constables are ordered by the Assessors to pay it in to the  
said Town Treasurer: & he is ordered to pay said half in unto  
the Rever<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice on s<sup>d</sup> first of January &c. and  
the other half at or before the first day of June 1735: &c.

The select men have also Given said Town Treasurer orders  
to pay out the school & Town Rate to such person or person  
as he shall Receive orders from the select men to pay it to &c.  
Constables Jonathan Whetcombs part of s<sup>d</sup> ministers Rate is - £ 53 - 7 - 3  
Constable John Beaman part of the ministers Rate is - - £ 51 - 0 - 4  
Constable Vriah Holts part of the ministers Rate is £ 35 - 12 - 5

Constable Jonathan Whetcombs part of the school & Town Rate is £ 32 - 2 - 10  
Constable John Beaman part of the school & Town Rate is £ 29 - 0 - 11  
Constables Vriah Holts part of the school & Town Rate is £ 19 - 16 - 3

They also find that the s<sup>d</sup> Assessors have made a County Rate of  
Twenty six pounds three shillings & four pence which they have  
Committed to the Constables to Collect: with warrants Requiring them  
to Gather the same & to pay it in unto the County Treasurer &c. - -

Constable Jonathan Whetcombs part of s<sup>d</sup> Rate is - £ 10 - 2 - 8  
Constable John Beaman part of s<sup>d</sup> Rate is - - £ 9 - 12 - 8  
Constable Vriah Holts part of s<sup>d</sup> Rate is - - £ 6 - 8 - 0

They have also Given s<sup>d</sup> Jon<sup>y</sup> Houghton Town Treasurer  
for the year 1733: orders to pay & Deliver unto Capt<sup>m</sup> William  
Richardson who is Town Treasurer for the year 1734: the  
sum of twenty three pounds six shillings & six pence: which  
is the Remainder of the Towns money that is in s<sup>d</sup> Jon<sup>y</sup> Houghtons  
Hands: & to take s<sup>d</sup> Richardsons Receipt for the same &c. -  
also to pay unto m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swar for keeping school in Lancaster  
after the tenth day of may 1734 the sum of £ 26 - 14 - 11 which  
sum is the whole of the school Rate that s<sup>d</sup> Jon<sup>y</sup> Houghton  
Town Treasurer did Receive &c. - - - - -



They have also given Capt William Richardson Town Treasurer for the year: 1734 orders to Receive of the aforepaid Jonas Houghton the aforepaid sum of £ 23 - 6 - 6: - - - -

They have also given <sup>rd</sup> William Richardson orders to Receive of Jonathan Houghton the Twenty pounds that he Received of the Towns money when he was Chosen Representative &c. -

They have also Reconc'd with said Jonas Houghton Town Treasurer for the years: 1732 & 1733: and find that when he hath paid according to his orders (as aforepaid) together with thirty seven pounds he hath paid to sundry persons for wolvess & wildcats: he will have paid the whole of the Town & School Rate: and the thirty six pounds that he hath Received of the Province Treasurers for wolvess & wildcats: & that he hath Cleared with the Town upon all accounts as he was Treasurer <sup>rd</sup> two years

They have also given <sup>rd</sup> William Richardson Town Treasurer for the year: 1734 orders to pay unto m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swan out of the school Rate for the year 1734: the sum of £ 3 - 5 - 1: which sum is the first of what hath ben ordred to be paid out of said £ 60 - 0 - 0 Rate Granted <sup>rd</sup> year: and <sup>rd</sup> £ 3 - 5 - 1: payeth <sup>rd</sup> Swan the whole for Keeping of school half a year after the tenth day of may: 1734: - - - -

They have also given <sup>rd</sup> William Richardson orders to pay unto the Overseers for the year: 1734: the sum of £ 3 - 17 - 2

Viz: to Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> the sum of £ 0 - 15 - 0

To Samuel Carter the sum of £ 0 - 18 - 0

To Jonathan Houghton the sum of £ 2 - 4 - 2

They have also given <sup>rd</sup> William Richardson orders to Receive of Capt Ephraim Wilder the Twenty pounds he Received out of the Town Treasurers when he was Chosen Representative &c.

They have also Reconc'd with Jonathan Houghton who Received the five pounds that Benjamin Houghton paid unto the Town to Clear him from serving Constable: and also for the five pounds that Elmoz Sawyer paid unto the Town to free him from serving Constable &c: and they find that the said Jonas Houghton hath paid out three pounds of <sup>rd</sup> money for the Book that is Kept in the meeting house: & the other seven pounds he hath paid to the use of the poor of the Town: as the select men have ordred him &c. - - - -

The above said accounts  
Dat<sup>d</sup> Lancaster: March: 3: 1734/5

Joseph Wilder  
Samuel Carter  
Thomas Carter  
Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton

select men  
of Lancaster



~~Lancaster march the 3: 1734/5 it being the annual Town meeting for  
choyce of Town officers &c. and the Town being meet according to  
due warning given:  
\* they voted & chose Jonathan Houghton moderator for said meeting &c.  
then the Law was publickly Read in said Town meeting: as Required  
\* the question was put to know whether the Town would Chose five  
select men to manage the prudentials of the Town, the year ensuing  
and it passed in the affirmative  
\* votes was called for, for the Chouse of five select men. & according  
brought in, and Joseph Wilber Esq<sup>r</sup>, Deacon Josiah White, Samuel  
Carter, Jonathan Houghton & Hooker Osgood Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen &c.  
\* votes was called for, for the Chouse of a Town Clerk, and accordingly  
brought in, and Jonathan Houghton was Chosen~~

- 24 at the afore said meeting the question being put to know if the  
Town Grant Jonathan Houghton forty shillings for serving  
Town Clerk & for Recording of Highways in the year: 1734  
and it passed in the negative  
25 the question was put to know if the Town would Reconsider  
their former vote Relating to the Town Clerk: & it passed in the affirmative  
26: the Town voted & gave <sup>sd</sup> Jonathan Houghton forty shillings  
for serving Town Clerk & Recording of Highways in <sup>sd</sup> year: 1734  
27 the Town by a vote Granted a Highway Rate of £100-0-0  
to be made by the select men: & they to add what men are  
behind, & to allow men what they have over wrought here to fore  
28 - the Town voted that such men as wrought at Highways in  
the months of April, May, June, July & August shall be  
allowed five shillings <sup>per</sup> day: & so proportionable for Cart  
horse & teams (in <sup>sd</sup> months) as five shillings is to three for a <sup>man</sup>  
and for all other times of the year to be allowed as here-  
to fore  
29 - Then the said meeting was adjourned (by a vote of the Town) to  
the second monday of may next at nine of the clock in  
the fore noon, to the meeting House &c.

Jonathan Houghton moderator  
The above said Entered <sup>sd</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Lancaster April the first, 1735 Joseph Wilber Esq<sup>r</sup> swore Jonathan  
Houghton to the office of Tax & hemp, pewee &c. and also informed  
that he had sworn Benjamin Osgood to the office of Surveyor of Highways  
the said first of April Samuel Willan Esq<sup>r</sup> swore the assessor  
to the faithful discharge of their office as the Law directs &  
also informed that he had sworn all the other Town officers  
of whom an oath is Required by Law &c. Entered <sup>sd</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Here followeth the Copy of a warrant for Calling a Town meeting  
 To William Pollard Conytable of the Town of Lancaster: Greeting  
 These are in his majesties name to Require you to wame all the  
 freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that live on the  
 East side of the River: that are qualified to vote in ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~choy~~  
 of a Representative: to meet at the meetinghouse in <sup>st</sup> Lancaster  
 on the second monday of may Currant at Eleven of the Clock  
 in the fore noon: then & there to Elect & depute one or more  
 person or persons (being freeholders & Resident in <sup>st</sup> Lancaster  
 to serve for and Represent <sup>st</sup> Town of Lancaster in a Great and  
 General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened. held and  
 kept for his majesties servy at the Court House in Boston upon  
 wednesday the twenty Eight of may Currant: and so from time to time  
 also to wame all the freeholders & other Inhabitants on <sup>st</sup> East  
 side of the River (that are qualified to vote in Town affairs) to  
 meet at <sup>st</sup> meetinghouse on <sup>st</sup> second monday of may. at Eight of  
 the Clock in the fore noon: then and there to act & do what the  
 Town shall think fitt to be done in making an addition to  
 the Rev<sup>nd</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentiss gallery for this year - - -  
 also to act & do what shall be thought proper to be done in  
 answer to the Request of Ebenezer Beaman & those that desire  
 the school may be kept among them some time; and make  
 Due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon before  
 the hours of said meetings &c: fail not - - -

Dat<sup>d</sup> at Lancaster may the: 3: 1735

The other parts of the Town  
 was wamed to meet at times  
 and place by the other Conytable  
 for the ends afore said: & all  
 the warrant was Returned in  
 season: - - -

Joseph Wilder	} Select men of Lancaster
Josiah White	
Hooker Osgood	
Jonat <sup>n</sup> Houghton	

Lancaster may the: 12: 1735 the Town being meet according to the  
 above said warrantings: & according to the adjournment of the annual Town  
 meeting for Choyce of Town officers: & the warrants being Read and  
 the Return thereon &c. - - -

1. The Town voted and Chose Jonathan Houghton moderator for  
 said meeting.
2. ~~Four~~ <sup>Private</sup> ~~ways~~ was Read in order for the Towns Exceptance; and  
 accordingly Excepted of them: & also allowed of the sum of Land  
 that the select men agreed with the several men from whom  
 said ways hath taken any Land (as they are Returned in the  
 account of said ways &c: the above said way voted in <sup>y</sup> affirmati  
 which ways are as followeth viz: - - -



Lancaster October the 7<sup>th</sup>: 1734 -

Then laid out by the select men a privat way, which began at a privat way by a Run of water near Ebenezer Beaman's House, & Runeth through the Land of <sup>sd</sup> Beaman till it Cometh to Oakhill field: & then Cuteth off a peice of Land from the side of his orchard: & is to lye three Rods wide to the west of the marks made for said way, or northward there of and then it Runy on the Edge of the Land of Ralph Kendal about sixty Rods and then through <sup>sd</sup> Kendal's Land about sixty Rods farther: till it Cometh to the Land of Justice Houghton: and then to Run through a Corner of the Land of Josiah White to gain the Hill: and then to Run through the Land of Justice Houghton: 120 Rods till it Cometh to the Land of James Willard & Matthew Stone & then it Runeth through the Land of Matthew Stone about 40 Rods: & then it Runeth on Common Land along by the west End of the Land of William Sheaff: and from thence to the Land of Nathaniel Glutson: & so along by the west End of <sup>sd</sup> Glutson's Land till it Cometh to the Land of Elias Sawyer: said way is to lye on the west side of the marks made for said way: which marks are distinguished from other marks by having three Chops on the side of the tree &c: then another way is laid out from where the afore said way began up by the side of <sup>sd</sup> Beaman's Land about forty Rods to a nother bye way that Cometh from Henry Willard's: which way was laid out by Joseph Wilder & others: the said select men agreed with Ebenezer Beaman for the Dammage done in laying the way through his Land to let him have a peice of Land that lyeth in a three square piece of Land at the hed of Oakhill field: which Land bound's westerly on the Land of <sup>sd</sup> Beaman and Easterly on the Land of Andrew Murrey & is Judged to be about seven or eight acres: they have also agreed with Ralph Kendal to give him three acres for one which will be about six acres & three quarters: also to let Justice Houghton lay out three for one which will be about six acres & three quarters: and Matthew Stone to lay out one acre &c: -

The above said ways entered June the third 1735 by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster - } select men  
Joseph Wilder  
Jonathan Houghton  
Ephraim Wilder } of Lancaster

There is also a bye way that Cometh from Henry Willard's to the afore said way of about forty Rods long & is about 3 rods wide: which way is three Rods wide along on the southern side of Samuel Johnson's Land: there being so much to be deducted from his measure & to be Reconed as Common Land: and from <sup>sd</sup> Johnson's Land to the Land of Henry Willard: said way or the way is on the northerly side of the Matthew Stone's: and also a way from



aid privat way across said Johnsons Land Crossing Cumberly Brook above the meadow. and so on Common Land when past said Johnsons Land till it meet with the Land of Ephraim Whellers: said way to lye three Rods wide & to lye on the westerly side of the marked trees for sd way which are distinguished by having three Chops on the side &c. laid out by Joseph Wilder & others ——— Joseph Wilder Select man  
The above said four Bye ways way all Recorded the third day of June 1735: by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster

- 3 the question was put to know if the Town would add sixty pounds to the one hundred pounds (that is the Towns rated salary for the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice) for the year ensuing & it passed in the negative
- 4 the question <sup>was put</sup> to know if the Town would add fifty pounds for the year ensuing to the one hundred so as to make the Rate for sd m<sup>r</sup> John Prentice one hundred & fifty pounds for the year ensuing and it passed in the affirmative — — — — —
- 5 the question was put to know if the Request of Ebenezer Beaman and others be granted (which Request is as followeth viz: Lancaster february the 28<sup>th</sup> 1734/5 we the subscribers with others in the same quarter of the Town of Lancaster. Desire that sd Town would allow that our part of the next school Rate may be improved by keeping school in the northerly part of the said Town at the House of Ebenezer Beaman; Henry Willard. Ebenezer Beaman. Aaron Willard. Amos Knight. Jonathan Hendal) and it passed in the affirmative — — — — —
- 6 according to the warning given the select men called for votes for the Choyce of a Representative & the votes being brought in and sorted it was found that Capt Ephraim Wilder was Chosen
- 7 the Town by a vote gave the select men order to advance twenty pounds to Capt Ephraim Wilder: to be by him Repaid when he shall Receive his wages for serving Representative &c. Jonathan Houghton mod<sup>r</sup>  
(The above said meeting Entred by Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk —  
Here followeth the warning for a Town meeting &c. — — —

(read) Fre are in his Majesties name to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that are qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meetinghouse in sd Town on Monday the eight day of December next at ten of the Clock in the fore noon there & there to Consider. Conclude. act & do what be proper to be done in order to the several hereafter mentioned viz: 1<sup>st</sup> Grant a school Rate for the support of a school in sd Town also to Grant a Town Rate for the use of the poor and for defraying of the necessary Charges that are already arisen or may arise in sd Town — also to Grant some also



Allowance to the present Constables for their Gathering the Last  
County Rate (there being another County Rate Granted which y<sup>e</sup>  
Constables must Gather)

Dated Lancaster November: 24<sup>th</sup>: 1735: Josiah White  
Jameel Carter } select men  
Jonath<sup>n</sup> Houghton of Lancaster  
Hooker of Good

The above said warrant Entered p<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

- The freeholders & other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town being legally  
met according to the afore said warrant &c. - - - - -
- 1 - They voted & chose Capt Oliver Wilder moderator for y<sup>d</sup> meeting
  - 2 - the Question was put to know whether the Town would Grant  
a School Rate of sixty pounds for the support of a school in y<sup>d</sup>  
Town & it passed in the affirmative - - - - -
  - 3 - the question was put to know whether the Town would Grant  
a Town Rate of thirty pounds for the use of the Poor & for the  
Defraying of Town Charges &c: & it passed in the affirmative
  - 4 - the Town voted that both s<sup>d</sup> Rates be made in one list &c.
- Oliver Wilder moderator  
The above said votes Entered p<sup>e</sup> Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

The following is what is the warning for calling a Town meeting in Lancaster

To the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster that are  
Qualified to vote in Town affairs &c: Greeting - - - - -

you & each of you are Required & warned in his majesties name to meet at  
the meeting house in y<sup>e</sup> Lancaster on Monday the first day of March next  
at Eight of the Clock in the fore noon then & there to Consider. Conclude  
act and do the several things hereafter mentioned &c: viz: to Choose all  
Town officers as the Law directs: also to Choose three persons or more  
for overseers of the poor in y<sup>e</sup> Town: also to Except of such Highways  
(or byways) as may be brought for Exceptance: also to Grant some allow-  
ance to the Constables for the year: 1735: viz: for their gathering two County  
Rates &c: - - - - -

also to act & do as the Town shall think fit upon the petition of Gamaliel  
Beaman & others: which petition is as followeth: Lancaster January the  
13: 1735/6 To the select men of Lancaster: Gent<sup>men</sup> we the subscribers in  
the southwesterly part of the Town. Desire that this our petition be put  
into your next warrant for calling a Town meeting: to see if the Town  
will set off the southward part of the new Grant & that part of the old  
Township Commonly called the mile. by a vote according to the lines  
here after mentioned. to be a separate Township by it selfe in such  
a time as the Great & General Court shall see meet &c: - that - -



That is to say: that an angle be made at four miles Dyance from the north west Corner of the old Township; and that a line be Run over the fouthem-  
 most weescapequett Hill & fo over the Rocky Hill & so till it Cometh to the  
 Town line: and also to Extend Eastward into the old Town one mile  
 and from thence that a line be Run foutherly untill it Comes to a fearr  
 at the south River at the Lower End of Joseph Lawyers fence. which is  
 about thirty or forty Rods below J<sup>d</sup> Lawyers mily that stand on J<sup>d</sup> River  
 and that J<sup>d</sup> line Extend to the Town line: & that Each man pay for his impro-  
 =ments in the Township where he lives &c. so we Rest &c. Gamaliel Beaman  
 Benj<sup>m</sup> Houghton. Ephraim Lawyer. Jacob Kilborn. Jhubael Bealey.  
 Samuel Gibbs. Jonat<sup>n</sup> Osgood. Jam<sup>l</sup> Lawyer. David Osgood. John Lawyer.  
 Ezra Lawyer. David Farrar. John Farrar. Joseph Bemitt. fairbank  
 moore, Thomas Ross. John snow. John wilder. Jonat<sup>n</sup> Biggelow.  
 David Nelson. James wildy. David Jewett. Ruben Rugg. Thomas Lawyer.  
 Jonathan Powers & James Ross

also to act & do what the Town shall think proper to be done in answer to  
 the petition of Benj<sup>m</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> & others: which petition is as followeth  
 Lancaster, January 13<sup>th</sup>: 1735/6: to the select men of Lancaster &c: we  
 the subscribers living in the west or south west part of Lancaster desire  
 and Request that we may have our part of the last school Rate: Granted  
 in December last &c: to be allowed to be spent among & the school keeps  
 with us in such time & season as shall be Just & Honest: according to  
 our part of the pay to J<sup>d</sup> school Rate &c: & as in Duty bound we may -  
 Benjamin Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup>. David Osgood. Oliver moore. Jonat<sup>n</sup> Osgood  
 Gamaliel Beaman. Ebenezer Prentiss. Joseph Bemitt. Samuel Lawyer.  
 Jhubael Bealey. Josiah wilder. Jonat<sup>n</sup> fairbank: John Lawyer -  
 Heretiah whetcomb. John Farrar. Ephraim Lawyer. Ezra Lawyer.  
 Thomas Ross. James wildy. James Ross. Jonat<sup>n</sup> Powers. Jonas  
 fairbank. John snow. John wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Lawyer. Jonat<sup>n</sup>  
 Biggelow. David Nelson - - - - -

also to act & do what the Town shall think fitt to be done in  
 answer to the petition of John Moore & others. which petition is as  
 followeth: Lancaster february 9<sup>th</sup>: 1735/6: To the select men of  
 Lancaster: Greeting - we the petitioners whose names are under  
 written for our selves & in the behalf of others our neighbours: the  
 Inhabitants of the southeasterly part of the Town of Lancaster  
 living so Remote from the publick worship: at least a Great part at  
 us which makes the sabbath (which should be a Day of Rest) to be  
 a day of the hardest labour to us. Especially to our Children if they  
 Come to meeting: and we do look upon our selves bound in Duty to promote  
 their fiter good & well being of well as our own. & we think it may be a  
 means thereof to bring them whilst young to the publick worship. But  
 while we are at such a distance it is next to Impossible to bring them. or  
 maney of them: we do therefore Request that the Town would  
 take



Take it into their serious Consideration: and sett us off as a Town  
by our selves: Running the line according to the vote of the Town  
passed before Harward went off: that so we may be providing to build  
us an House that we & ours may worship God in: and that we may pay as  
we do now untill we have prepared for our selves. and have the word of  
God preached with us. John more. Jeremiah Holman. James Keyes.  
William Sawyer. John Whetney. Nathaniel Holman. William Keyes.  
Nathaniel Hapgood. Josiah Whetcomb. Israel Heald. William Whet-  
comb. Phillip Brookings. Jonathan Moore. Daniel Greenleaf. Abraham  
moore. Jabez fairbank. John Moore Jun<sup>r</sup>. Josiah Wheeler. Josiah Rich-  
son. Jonathan Beaman. William Pollard: - - - -

also to act & do what the Town shall think fitt to be done in  
Deviding the Southward part of the additional Grant to Lancaster  
(as it is mentioned in the former part of this warrant) together with  
the old Township: into three parishes (or precincts) in such time as  
the Town shall think fitt & Convenient: and that the other part of said  
additional Grant be Reserved for a nother precinct when the people are  
able & Ready: & that a Committee of five, seven, nine or Eleven &c: men  
be chosen to Devide as aforesaid and bring their doing, to the Town  
for their Exceptance: and when Devided into three parishes as aforesaid  
Each parish to pitch the place to set their meeting house & to Build &  
finish the same: and all other Charge to be paid by the Town into the  
Town Treasurers: to be paid out of the Town or select men shallower

Sat Lancaster february the 16<sup>th</sup>: 1735/6:  
The above said warrant Entred  
at Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Josiah White  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Carter  
Gloster Osgood  
Jonathan Houghton  
} select men  
of Lancaster

Lancaster march the first: 1735/6: the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs. being: being legally  
met according to the aforesaid warrant &c: - - - -  
they voted & chose m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Wheeler moderator for said meeting  
then the Law was Read in 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Law Directs - - - -  
then the select men gave in their accounts of the manning of the prudential  
of the Town in the year: 1735: which account is as followeth: viz: the  
besides the warning of Town meetings &c: march the: 7: 1734/5 the  
select men met & made a Highway Rate of £ 100 - 0 - 0 and Committed  
Lifts to the furvairs of Highways &c:.

they have also given Capt William Richardson Town Treasurer for the  
year: 1734: orders to pay out of the Town Treasurers unto Col<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>  
willard the sum of £ 1 - 5 - 0: for some plank for the Bridge - also to  
Deacon Josiah white for plank the sum of £ 0 - 16 - 0 - also to Joseph  
whetcomb £ 1 - 10 - 0 for plank &c: - - - -



Also to pay unto Jonathan Houghton for serving as Town Clerk in the year 1734: the sum of £2-0-0 - also to pay unto John Priest the sum of £0-17-2 which he was over Rated in the year: 1734: also to Josiah Richards £0-17-2 which he was over Rated in the year: 1734: also to Caleb Wilder £2-5-0 for sweeping the meeting House in the year: 1734 — — —

Lancaster April 3<sup>d</sup>: 1735 the select men met at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson & filled up a wolfe & Cat<sup>t</sup> Bill where in there was seven grown woloes & twenty five grown wildcats said select men have also Examined the assessors for said year and find that they have made a County Rate of £26-3-4 and that they have Committed lists to the Constables with warrants Requiring them to pay it in unto the County Treasurer by the last Day of May: 1735: — — —

Constable Ebenezer Polleys part of said County Rate is £7-7-4

Constable William Pollards part of said County Rate is £10-3-0

Constable Robert Phelps part of said County Rate is £6-11-0

May the 26<sup>th</sup>: 1735 the select men of Lancaster mett at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Carter & they gave Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson (Town Treasurer &c: orders to pay unto m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swan the sum of £15-00-00 for his keeping school the last quarter of a year sometime in May: 1735 the select men agreed with said Swan to keep school at wattaquadock to the value of £16-15-0 which is their part of the last school Rate: sd Swan to begin 1<sup>st</sup> of May: 1735

said select men have also given said William Richardson orders to pay to the assessors for this & the last years valuation the sum of

£8-0-0 viz to Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> £2-11-0

to Josiah white £1-18-0

to Jonathan Houghton £3-3-0

to Samuel Carter £0-8-0

They have also ordred sd William Richardson to pay unto Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> £4-0-0 for the like sum that he paid unto m<sup>r</sup> Rice for preaching two Sabaths; viz: before & after the Election — the said twenty sixth of May they also gave orders to sd Richardson to deliver to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ingham Wilder our present Representative the sum of £20-0-0: for sd Wilder to Repay when he shall Receive his wages &c: — — —

November 24: 1735 the select men met at the House of Decon Josiah Whites & they gave orders to sd Richardson to pay unto m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swan the sum of £16-15-0 for his keeping of school at wattaquadock which sum is the <sup>whole</sup> of their part in the last school Rate —



The select men have also examined the assessors for the year 1735 & find that they have made a Province Rate of £216-3-4 and have given Lists to the Constables in order for their collecting the same

Constable William Pollards part of said Rate is ———— £87-8-9

Constable Ebenezer Polleys part of said Rate is ———— £77-8-2

Constable Robert Phelps part of said Rate is ———— £51-6-5

Said Assessors have also made a ministers Rate for the year that began July the first 1735 which Rate is £140-0-0: and they have committed Lists to the Constables with warrants Requiring them to Collect & pay in the same unto Oliver Wilder Pown (Treasurer for the year: 1735 who is appointed to Receive the same: viz: the one half at or before the first day of January: 1735/6: and the other half at or before the first day of June: 1736: &c: ————

Constable Ebenezer Polleys part of said Rate is ———— £51-13-8

Constable William Pollards part of said Rate is ———— £53-17-3

Constable Robert Phelps part of said Rate is ———— £34-7-1

the aforejaid assessors have made a County Rate of £26-3-4 and have committed Lists to the Constables with warrants Requiring them to pay said Rate in unto the County Treasurer for order at or before the first day of May: 1736: ————

Constable William Pollards part of said Rate is ———— £10-13-0

Constable Ebenezer Polleys part of said Rate is ———— £9-19-4

Constable Robert Phelps part of said Rate is ———— £6-0-0

Said assessors have also made a school Rate at £60-0-0 and a Town Rate of £30-0-0: Both said Rates was granted December: 8<sup>th</sup> 1735 & ordered to be made in one List & the List containing £90-0-0: which List (or Lists) with warrants to Collect the same is committed to the Constables Requiring them to Collect the same and to pay it in unto <sup>th</sup> Oliver Wilder Pown (Treasurer who is appointed to Receive the same &c: at or before the first day of February: 1736: &c: ————

Constable William Pollards part of said Rate is ———— £56-5-1

Constable Ebenezer Polleys part of said Rate is ———— £32-5-6

Constable Robert Phelps part of said Rate is ———— £21-7-5

The said assessors have taken out of the aforejaid school & Town Rate that part of the school Rate that belongeth to those that keep school at wataquadock (so called) which part is £15-13-6: ————

the said assessors have also taken that part of said Rate that belongeth to those that sent in their names to keep school at the house of Ebenezer Beaman: and their part is ———— £5-7-4

and the Remains for the rest of the Town is ———— £38-17-2



The select men have also given Capt Oliver wilder Town Treasurer for  $\text{y}^{\text{r}}$  year: 1735: orders to Demand & Recover & Receive of the Constables for the year: 1735 the ministers Rate &c: and to pay in unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Prentie the one half of his fallery at on or before the first day of January: 1735/6 and the other half at on or before the first day of July: 1736 — —

They have also given said Town Treasurer for  $\text{y}^{\text{r}}$  year: 1735 orders to Receive the  $\text{y}^{\text{r}}$  school & Town Rate of the afore said Constables & to pay them out as he shall Receive orders from the Town or select men

The select men have also Examined the assessors & find that  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  assessors have delivered a list of the  $\text{y}^{\text{r}}$   $\text{y}^{\text{r}}$  Rate to the Town Clerk of the Law Direct<sup>r</sup> &c: for the Towns use — — — —

the said select men have given the afore mentioned William Richardson orders to pay to Jonathan Rugg the sum of one pound and ten shillings for  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  Jonathan Ruggs keeping of the widow Harma Gouldsbery &c: as a part of what is due to him &c:

The said select men have also given  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  Richardson order to pay the assessors of Lancaster for the year: 1735: for their making of Rates & the sum of

viz: to Joseph wilder Esq <sup>r</sup>	£ 5 - 14 - 0
to Josiah white	£ 0 - 4 - 0
to Jonathan Houghton	£ 0 - 8 - 6
	£ 5 - 1 - 6

The  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  select men have also given to  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  Capt Oliver wilder Treasurer &c: <sup>orders</sup> to pay unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentie the sum of ten pounds out of the Town Rate Granted in December 1735 which £ 10 - 0 - 0 is the sum that the ministers Rate was made so little &c:

The select men have also given  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  William Richardson orders to pay unto Joshua Osgood Constable for the year: 1733: the sum of £ 0 - 15 - 3: which is the sum that said Osgood hath paid for what Barnard Bullis was Rated in said year &c:

Lancaster January 27: 1735/6 the select men Reconed with Capt William Richardson Town Treasurer for the year: 1734: & saw his Receipts, one of them was in full of what he was to pay unto the Rev<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> John Prentie for the last years fallery which year ended July 3<sup>rd</sup>: 1735: and when  $\text{y}^{\text{d}}$  Richardson hath paid the whole of what he is ordered to pay there will then remain in his hands forty eight pounds, thirteen shillings and ten pence which sum of £ 48 - 13 - 10 he is ordered to pay unto Capt Oliver wilder Town Treasurer for the year: 1735: in which order he is also ordered to pay to Capt Jonas Houghton five pounds for two wildcats to Joshua Houghton & for three pounds that was omitted in the last Reconing. and the said Oliver wilder is also ordered to Receive said £ 48 - 13 - 10: as also ordered to Receive £ 20 - 0 - 0 of Capt Ephraim wilder when he shall Rec his wages for serving Representative &c: — — — —



and said Oliver Wilder is also ordered to pay out all said money that he is to Receive as he shall Receive order or orders &c. —

The select men have also given said Oliver Wilder order to pay to Caleb & Jacob Wilder the sum of forty five shillings for their sweeping of the meeting House in the year 1735: —

The select men have also Received Twenty five pounds of money of Joseph Whetcomb. William Houghton. Joseph Moore Samuel Sawyer and Gerzhom Houghton (of each five pounds) which was paid by them to clear them from serving Constables &c.: which £25-0-0 is laid out for the use of the poor &c. viz: to Doctor Greenleaf for administering of sundries in physic to the widow Elizabeth Harris & family — £10-0-0  
to Andrew Wilder for shingle for her House — £1-0-0  
to John Berman for masoning &c. — £1-0-0  
to Jonat<sup>n</sup> Hendal for masoning &c. — £1-0-0  
to Benjamin Ballant for Carpentry &c. — £1-10-0  
to Joseph Glozier for brick &c. — £0-3-6  
to Robert Phelps — £4-6-0  
for nails for sd widow Harries House — £0-16-6  
to the widow Hammat Gouldsbery for sundries of physic — £0-6-0  
to Edward Phelps for meat — £2-10-0  
to widow Rugg for her keeping of sd Gouldsbery — £0-8-0  
to Hooker of good for butter &c. for her — £1-0-0  
to Jonat<sup>n</sup> Rugg for keeping said widow &c. —

Joseph Wilder  
Jonathan Houghton  
Josiah White

} select men  
of Lancaster

- 2 the question was put to know if the Town would give Jonathan Houghton forty shillings for service as Town Clerk for the year 1735: and it passed in the affirmative —
- 3 the Town voted to Choose five select men for the year ensuing &c.
- 4 vote was called for; for the Choyce of five select men and they was accordingly brought in; & Joseph Sawyer. Oliver Wilder Jonathan Houghton Cal<sup>n</sup> Samuel Willard & Elias Sawyer was Chosen —
- 5 vote was called for; for the Choyce of a Town Clerk & brought in and Jonathan Houghton was Chosen &c.
- 6 vote was called for; for the Choyce of a Constable & brought in and David Osgood was Chosen &c.
- 7 vote was called for; for the Choyce of another Constable & brought in & Thomas Houghton was Chosen &c. —
- 8 vote was called for; for the Choyce of another Constable and brought in and Jacob Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen &c. —



- 9 votes was called for, for the Choyce of three assessors & brought in & Col<sup>d</sup> Samuel Willant. Jonathan Houghton & Capt Oliver Wilber was Choyce
- 10 votes was called for, for the Choyce of a Hemp & flax furvair & brought in and Jonathan Houghton was Choyce &c.
- 11 Peter Josim Junior & Thomas Fairbank was Choyce furvairs of Highways &c.
- 12 Thomas Wilber Junior & John White was Choyce furvairs of Highways &c.
- 13 Simon Whitcomb & Jonathan Beaman was Choyce furvairs of Highways &c.
- 14 Jonathan Bealey & John Goss was Choyce Pything men &c.
- 15 James Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> & John Whitcomb was Choyce fenceviewers &c.
- 16 Nathaniel Hutson. Nathaniel Carter & Joshua Moor was Choyce field Drivers &c.
- 17 M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Orgood was Choyce Town Treasurer &c.
- 18 Amos Sawyer was Choyce scaller of Leather &c.
- 19 the question was put to know whether the Town will Grant three pounds to the Constables for the year 1735 & it passed in the negative
- 20 Thomas Fairbank saying he thought he was not able to serve as furvair of Highways to which he was Choyce the Town voted & Chose Ezra Sawyer in his Rhome &c.
- 21 the question was put to know whether the petition of Gamaliel Beaman & others be Granted & it passed in the negative
- 22 the question was put to know whether the petition of John Moors & others be Granted & it passed in the affirmative
- 23 the question was put to know whether the petition of Benjamin Houghton & others be Granted & it passed in the affirmative

Josiah Wheeler Moderator

The above said Entred ~~p~~ Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk

Here followeth the <sup>of a warrant</sup> copy for warning a Town meeting which is followeth

Lancaster may the 5<sup>th</sup> 1736: to Jacob Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> one of the Constables Greeting: these are in his Majesties name to Require you to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Living on the Easterly side of the River in Lancaster that are qualified to vote in Town affairs: or in the Choyce of a Representative. to meet at the meeting house in said Lancaster on Monday the seventeenth day of May Currant at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to Consider. Conclude act & do what shall then be thought proper to be done Referring to the several things hereafter mentioned (viz) to make a proper addition to the Revere. M<sup>r</sup> John Prentices warly (or) rated Gallery: also to Grant a Highway Rate as shall be proper for the mending of Highways & by ways & Bridges: if the Town think fitt convenient or to make a Highway Rate by it self: & a Rate for the makin or mending of Bridges separate from said Highway Rate. in case the Town think it proper



also to Chose one or more person or persons to Represent the Town of Lancaster in the Great & General Court to be holden at the Court House in Boston on wednesday the twenty sixth day of may Currant at nine of the Clock in the fore noon & so de die in diem during said session & sessions &c.

and makee due Return of this warrant with your doings thereon unto some one of us the subscribers before the Houre of said meeting as you will answer your default &c.

The other warrants for Calling a meeting as afore said if the same of this except the Constables names -  
The above said warrant Entred by  
Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk

Jonathan Doughton	select men
Joseph Sawyer	
Jam <sup>l</sup> Willard	
Oliver Wilder	
Elija Sawyer	

of Lancaster

Lancaster may: 17: 1736: agreeable to the afore said warning the free holders & other inhabitants of sd Town qualified &c: being Legally meet according to the afore said warrant &c.

- 1 voted & chose Capt Ephraim moderator for sd meeting &c.
- 2 the question was put to know if the Town would add £60-00-00 to the £100-0-0 gallery for the year ensuing & it passed in the negative
- 3 the the question was put to know if the Town would add £50-0-0 to the £100-0-0 gallery for the year ensuing & it passed in the affirmative
- 4 the question was put to know if the Town would Grant a Rate of £200-0-0 for making & mending of Bridges & Highways and it passed in the negative
- 5 the question was put to know if the Town would Grant a Rate of £150 for the Repairing of Nashua the north River & that Bridge over Penelook River & the Bridge over Mill River and for mending of Highways & by ways & it passed in the affirmative
- 6 the question was put to know if the Town will Grant that £40-0-0 of the above said £150 be paid in money & it passed in the negative
- 7 the question was put to know if the Town will Grant that £30-0-0 of the above said £150-0-0 be paid in money & it passed in the negative
- 8 the question was put to know if the Town will Grant that £20-0-0 of the above said £150-0-0 be paid in money & it passed in the affirmative
- 9 the Town voted that the select men make Lists of that part of the £150-0-0 that is for the hiring &c to see brought out & also Call the year following to an account & see what men have over paid & what men are behind & add it into said Lists &c.

The above said meeting Entred by  
Ephraim Wilder moderator  
Jonathan Doughton Town Clerk



- 10: agreeable to the afore said warrant &c. the select men put the question to know if the town would send one or two persons to Represent the Town &c. and the Town vote to send but one &c. — — —
- 11 the select men Called for votes for the choise of a Representative and accordingly they way brought in & Capt Ephraim Wilder was chosen —
- 12 the question way put to know if the Town will allow said Ephraim Wilder to keep the £20-0-0: formerly granted to him. until he Receive his wages for serving as Representative in the year: 1736. and it passed in the affirmative: — — —
- The above said Entred: p Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk — — —

Some time in march 1735/6: Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> gave an account unto the Town Clerk that all the Town officers way sworn as the Law Directs to the faithful discharge of their Respective offices &c; Except John Goss who way Chosen to the office of a tything man; and Nathaniel Hutton who way Chosen to the office of a field driver — — —

The above said paragraff (which I should have <sup>been</sup> Entred at the End of said march meeting way then omitted) is now Entred p Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk

Here follows the Copy of a warning for calling a Town meeting in Lancaster &c. which warning is as followeth — viz: — — —

Lancaster December the: 24<sup>th</sup>: 1736: These are to notice and warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town that are Qualified to vote in Town affairs &c; to meet at the meetinghouse in said Lancaster, on tuesday the Eighteenth of January next at eight of the Clock in the forenoon. then & there to act & do what the Town shall think proper to be done in Granting a school Rate for the support of the school in said Town. also to Grant a Town Rate for the paying of of the Charges that are arisen (or that may arise) in said Town &c.

The above said warning Entred  
p Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton Town Clerk

Oliver Wilder  
Samuel Willard  
Jonat<sup>n</sup> Houghton  
Elias Sawyer } select men  
of Lancaster

At a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Lancaster that were qualified to vote in Town affairs &c. being Regularly met according to the afore said warning &c. — — —

- 1 they proceeded & Chose Deacon Josiah white moderator
- 2 they Granted a school Rate of £60-0-0 for the support of a school
- 3 they Granted a Town Rate of £30-0-0 &c. — — —
- 4 they voted that both said Rates be made in one List &c. — — —

Josiah white moderator

The above said Entred p Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk



Lancaster January 10<sup>th</sup> 1736/7 Then reckoned with messieurs  
Samuel Willard, Joseph Sawyer, Jonathan Houghton, Oliver  
Wilden & Elias Sawyer, Select men of the Town of Lancaster  
and I have received of Capt Oliver Wilden Treasurer the  
sum of One hundred and fifty pound in full as my Salary for  
that year that ended July 1. 1736.

I Say received by me  
John Drentire Pastor of the  
Church of Christ in Lancaster

To the freemen and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster -  
Qualified to vote in Town affairs &c.  
These are in His Majesty's name to notify and warne all you that our Qual-  
ified as aforesaid to meet at it most at the meeting house in said Lancaster  
on Monday the twenty fifth day of March current at eight of the Clock in if  
in the fore noon then and there to Consider Conclude and do what the  
the Town shall there think fit and convenient to be done in answer to the  
Several things here after mentioned &c. viz To Conclude and do what they  
shall think proper to be done in granting forty Shillings to Jonathan Houghton  
for what he hath done in Recording of Towns and Private ways and  
in serving Town Clerk in if year 1736  
Secondly to choose all Town officers as if Law directs shudly to Except of all  
of such Private ways as shall be brought for Expence.

4th To Consider Conclude and do what the Town shall there think fit and  
convenient to be done in answer to the Petition of Jonathan Houghton  
and others which Petition is as follows viz:

Lancaster January 11<sup>th</sup> 1736 To the Select Men of the Town of Lancaster  
Gent we the Subscribers who are Inhabitants of the northern Part of the  
additional Grant of Land made to said Lancaster and we who are disappointed in  
in said Land & we that live in the old Township of said Lancaster near ac-  
joyning to if northerly end of said additional Grant &c I do and humbly Request  
that the our Petition be put in to the next warrant that you shall see out re-  
cording a Town meeting so as that the Town may consider Conclude and do  
what shall there be thought proper to be done in answer to our Request and de-  
or which is as followeth viz: That the Town by a vote would set off the north-  
erly end of if additional Grant to said Lancaster - To wit as four miles southerly from  
the north westerly Corner of the old Township, and there to make an angle and  
Run along westerly over the southermost Weapoint Hill and so over the Rocky  
Hill Extending said line to if westerly line of said Grant, and that the whole of if  
said additional Grant lying to the northerly line of the aforesaid line that  
Runeth over said Hills May be Made in to a separate Township in which time  
as the Great and General Court of this Province shall think that the People  
inhabiting the Land Requested for shall be able to support a Minister and  
maintain if word of if so as that it may be constant by Preaching amongst them  
also to Grant that so many as live in the old Township as desire to be ad-  
and annexed to said additional Grant for a Township as aforesaid and as aforesaid  
we pray &c Jonathan Houghton Thomas Houghton Jonathan (son of Thomas Houghton)  
William Divil Jonathan White Jonathan Wither Joseph Wheelock John Wheelock  
Benj Wheelock Noah Bennon John Goodridge Gardner Hildes William Sawyer  
Joseph Brink Ebenezer Dakin Jacob Houghton Jonathan Houghton John Hildes  
I also to act and do in order to building a Court or house for the use of the Town

Del'd March 4<sup>th</sup> 1736 by order of if select men  
Jonathan Houghton Town Clerk of Lancaster



Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 1736/7 agreeable to the afore said Warrant  
to the freeholders and other Inhabitants, being Equally met made  
Choice of Deacon Josiah White for their Moderator and after the Reading  
was read as by Law Required, the Select Men gave in their account  
for the year 1736 which is as followeth viz: Besides the Warranting of Town  
meetings they have made a Survey of 100<sup>th</sup> and given Lists to the  
Surveyor to see that it be wrought out as also what more was to be  
done behind in their former Grants Rates

They have also paid the widow Ruge who was not paid for the year before  
in 1735 as also Jonathan Ruge and Samuel Carter who was due to them for  
their Keeping of Wednes Cookery a considerable part of which was money  
that the former Select men Received of such men as had taken up Strays  
and they also find there is still due to the Town for Strays from Divers persons

viz: From Samuel Sawyer the Sum of 1-10-00

From Thomas Foster 0-19-00

From Jones Fairbank 0-12-0

From Capt James Wilder 0-10-0

From John Bonnit Esq<sup>r</sup> 0-10-0

They have also presented with the Town of Marlborough Stone &  
Westborough Shrewsbury Lunenburg and Haverd as the Law directs: where  
was done in the month of April last past, on they find that there has been  
with them from Marlborough one of opinion that the next time no present  
there ought to be a Survey to fix landmarks where there is such a reason not  
mark and mark

They have also Resolved one from that Jonathan Houghton hath paid in  
the Town if money he Received in advance when he was Rep<sup>r</sup> sentive being  
being Twenty Pounds

They have also Resolved if applied for the year 1736 and find they have  
made a Rate of 22<sup>th</sup> for making and mending of Bridges and they have  
given Lists to the Justables with warrants requiring them to collect and pay in  
the same 10<sup>th</sup> of the Good Town respect by the first of December 1736  
is ordered to pay the 22<sup>th</sup> out as he shall Receive order to

They also find that the aforesaid have made a Rate of one Hundred  
and fifty Pounds and some Commitment to be (collectable) with Warrant  
requiring them to pay in the same unto the said Joseph Good the one half  
before the first of January and the other half on the other half at or  
before the first of June next following which will be in the year 1737

and the said Joseph Good is ordered to pay in the one half of it 150-00  
Pounds unto the said John Bonnit at or before the first day of  
January 1736/7 and the other half at or before the first day of June 1737  
Jacob Houghton a considerable part £ 54-19-0 and the said 22<sup>th</sup> Town

David Houghton Part of D<sup>r</sup> minister does 58-18-0 Kears is also a  
Thomas Houghton (or 1736) part is 36-0-0  
Jacob Houghton part is 5-8-11 David Good 8-7-0 and others  
Houghton part is 5-7-11 and the aforesaid have made a P<sup>r</sup>ovided Rate 25<sup>th</sup>-8-



They also find that the assessors have made a School Rate of 24 pence  
and a Town crew of thirty and have put them both in a one list the  
which is worth twenty pounds which list with Warrant requiring the assessors to pay  
in the same unto Joseph Asgood and that as on or before the first day of  
march 1736 the list committed unto the Constables and  
sent to Jacob Houghton Constable the sum of - 35 - 6 - 0 and assessors have  
To David Asgood Constable - 34 - 6 - 0 also made a fourth  
To Thomas Houghton Constable - 20 - 8 - 0 Row of 29 - 6 - 3  
of which Jacob Houghton part is - 11 - 8 - 0  
David Asgood part is - 11 - 3 - 0  
Thomas Houghton part is - 6 - 18 - 3

The Select men have also Examined as to the School money that was  
granted in December 1728 and find that it will pay the School money until  
eighteenth of April 1737 for which term as has been agreed with Mr. Asgood  
Brown to keep the School and have given some other Wilder Treasurer for 9 years  
1728 order to said Mr. Brown also to pay to the Town as Prentice imposed  
for his keeping of School at Rockers to also which sum is the share of  
what is not here to pay part of said School Rate granted in December 1728  
They have also reckoned with Capt Oliver Wilder - Town Treasurer - and find that  
he hath paid out all the money that he hath answered the order due upon  
him that comes to his wife, though there is 18 - 0 - 0 of said money which  
was paid for wages and rates which eighteen pounds will be paid out of the  
Province Treasury unto our Present Town Treasurer when it shall be  
ordered to be sent for and twenty pounds in the hand of Capt Ephraim Wilder our  
Present Representative is all the money the Town hath paid and paid off  
except what the assessors have ordered to be paid to Joseph Asgood Town Treasurer  
By the Constables for 9 years 1736 as above mentioned

They have also reckoned with the Revd Mr John Prentice and find that  
said Capt Oliver Wilder hath paid unto the said Mr Prentice the sum of  
one hundred and fifty pounds according to his order, and the said Mr Prentice  
hath given a Receipt on the Town Book that he hath Received the full  
of his salary unto the first day of July 1736.

The Select men have given Mr Joseph Asgood order to demand Receipts  
Receipts of the assessors said Constables the twenty two pounds Town Rate  
which they are obliged by their Warrants to pay in unto him by the first of  
December 1736 as also for the School Rate of six pence and two Town  
Rate of thirty pounds which are made in one list and the said Joseph  
Asgood is directed to pay out said money from time to time as he shall  
Receive orders, the said Select men have also given the said Joseph Asgood  
order to pay out of the Towns money that he is to Receive as if  
Constables as above said, viz To Pollard Samuel Willard for work at  
Bridge four shillings To Hooker Asgood six shillings To Capt Oliver  
Wilder 14 shillings To Joseph Sawyer twenty six shillings To Bazel Sawyer  
thirty two shillings To Jonathan Houghton fifty two shillings To Oliver Moore  
twelve shillings To Joseph Moor 12 shillings To David Houghton 3 shillings

also



Also to pay to y<sup>e</sup> assessors for y<sup>e</sup> year 1736 Six Pounds Constables  
viz: To Callinal Samuel Willard £ 5 - 8 - 0  
To Capt Oliver Wilder — 0 - 8 - 0  
To Jonathon Houghton. 5 - 14 - 0

Joseph Sawyer

Samuel Willard

Jonathon Houghton

Elias Sawyer

Oliver Wilder

Select men of

Lancaster

and then the Town Granted Jonathon Houghton four shillings for serving as Town Clerk for y<sup>e</sup> year 1736 —  
and then voted to choose five select men to manage the Prudential affairs of the Town for the year ensuing and the vote was called for and Samuel Willard Capt Oliver Wilder Deacon Josiah White Lieut Elias Sawyer & Lieut John Bennett was chosen  
Then vote was called for three Constables and Jonathon Bailey was chosen on the west side the River — Jonathon White on the north, and Joshua Houghton on the east side the River; after Jonathon Houghton junior was chosen on the east side of the River — has bin chosen by a majority of votes and has declared his Refusal

Then vote was called for a Town Clerk and Joseph Wilder Esq was chosen

Then vote was called for three assessors and Capt Oliver Wilder Lieut Elias Sawyer Lieut John Bennett was chosen

Then Jacob Hairbank and Bory Houghton were nominated and chosen

by theing men —

Then Benjamin Ballard Ezekiah Gates John Jossin Jonathon Carter John

Houghton Jr and Jeremiah Wilson were Surveyors of Highways

Then Daniel Knights and Bory Willson were nominated & chosen for Overseers

Then Joshua Houghton Bory Houghton Jr James Wilder Jr Shubel Bailey and Ebenezer Harris Hoggroves

Then John Carter was chosen a Seller of Leather —

Then Jonathon Houghton was chosen Hamp and floor Surveyor —

Then Joseph Hood was chosen Town Treasurer —

and then the Question was Put to know whether the Town will Grant y<sup>e</sup> Request of Jonathon Houghton and others so as to set off the northerly end of the additional Grant to Lancaster so far as is Requested for — so as that it may be made a separate Town ship in such time as y<sup>e</sup> General Court shall think proper agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> aforesaid Request and it passed in the affirmative the Town then also voted that Thomas Houghton ~~and~~ and his land adjoining be added to the aforesaid part of the additional Grant the



Town voted to build a bridge over y<sup>e</sup> River at y<sup>e</sup> Scar and for ther-  
ad to said vote that y<sup>e</sup> said bridge be made a Cart Bridge in case  
John Proscott Saw y<sup>e</sup> Plank for to ~~be~~

Abow Copy of the warrant and of y<sup>e</sup> Proceeding of the Town thereon  
as entered - Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

the officers afore said were all sworn to the faithful discharge of their  
Respective offices to wit Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> Expressing y<sup>e</sup> Tything y<sup>e</sup> Shute  
Bailey the house surveyor and the Town Clerk attest Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Wilder sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of Clerk by Samuel Weller Esq<sup>r</sup> - Joseph Wilder Clerk

October 17  
Lancaster ~~October 17~~ 1737 To the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to  
vote in Town affairs These are in his majesties name to Request you to meet at y<sup>e</sup>  
meetinghouse on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> ninth of November next at ten of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the  
fore noon then and there to choose a Collector or Collectors to Go with in the Remains  
ing Part of y<sup>e</sup> Highway Rate and to Consider and act Concerning what is proposed  
Don in Granting a Rate to Defray Town Charges also a Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Support of  
School in y<sup>e</sup> year ensuing also to see what is to be Don Concerning y<sup>e</sup> Right of  
of Gamaliel Bomon and others.

To the Select men of the Town of Lancaster - Gent. These are the Subscribers  
Desiring you would be Pleas'd to Call a Town meeting as soon as may be con-  
venient to see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Grant this our Petition next that is to  
whether y<sup>e</sup> Town will by a vote Set off the Southerly Part of y<sup>e</sup> additional  
to Lancaster and Part of y<sup>e</sup> old Township to be a separate Town Ship by it  
Self in such convenient time as y<sup>e</sup> Great and General Court shall see meet  
viz: that one angle be made at four miles Distance from the north west  
corner of Lancaster old Township, and a line be Run over y<sup>e</sup> South most  
wacapatit Hill and so over y<sup>e</sup> Rocky hill and so to y<sup>e</sup> Town line and to East  
East ward in to y<sup>e</sup> old Township one mile and from thence that a mile be  
Run Southerly untill it come to a Scar at y<sup>e</sup> South River which is a bene  
thirty Rods below y<sup>e</sup> mill belonging to y<sup>e</sup> Heir of Joseph Sawyer Town Clerk  
that stand on said River and that y<sup>e</sup> line extend to y<sup>e</sup> South line of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
Ship: &c and if y<sup>e</sup> Town consent that Each man Pay for his improvement  
or Improved Land <sup>in y<sup>e</sup> place</sup> where he Lives &c  
also to see whether will allow Robert Phelps for - Joseph Wilder  
paying Daniel Mack Jambes Rates and John Blatchings - Samuel Carter  
nothing but Raw, Directed to y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster Elias Sawyer } Select men  
of Lancaster

August 3<sup>d</sup> 1737 David Whitcomb was drawn out of y<sup>e</sup> Box as a Quorum  
Thomas Stocker and Ephraim Sawyer for y<sup>e</sup> Superior Court William Keys for November  
Court and Samuel Sawyer for February Court and Jonathan Houghton for May  
Court not coming



To Jonathan White Constable of Lancaster These are to Require you  
in His Majesties name forthwith to warn if freeholders and other Inhabi-  
tants of Lancaster within your Precinct that have an Estate of freehold  
worth in this Province of forty Shillings Perannum or other Estate to the  
value of fifty Pounds standing to meeting house in said Town Lancaster on  
Monday the Sixteenth of May Current at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then  
and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons to Serve for and Represent  
them in a Great and General Court to be holden for his Majesties service at the  
Court House in Boston on wednesday the Twenty fifth Day of May Current  
at nine in the morning and so from time to time

As also if freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualifies  
to vote in Town affairs to meet at the same time and Place to Consider of  
and act upon if several particulars here after Innumarated viz To make  
Such an addition to the Salary of the Rev Mr Prentiss as shall be thought meet  
to be as what the Town will allow for the Relief of the widow Goolsberry or for her  
being improved as a School Dame in the East part of the Town

3 To do what the Town shall think most Convenient and Proper in  
answer to the Petition of Evertz Boman and others Inhabitants of said Town  
of Lancaster which is as followeth May the 3<sup>d</sup> 1737 To the Select men of  
the Town of Lancaster we the Subscribers do desire you would Consider our  
our Specially in fitting to the Publick worship and that you would put it into  
the warning for the next Town meeting to build a meeting House upon the neck or  
where the Town shall think fit as most Convenient; and make due Return of  
of this Warrant to the Select men or some one of and of your doings there on before  
the time set for said meeting fail not at your Peril Dated at Lancaster  
May the 6<sup>th</sup> 1737

the like warrants was Given to Jonathan Royce & Oliver Wilder }  
Joshua Houghton Constable all which Constables made } Select men  
Returns that they had warned if freeholders and other inhabitants within those } of Lancaster  
Precincts as within Directed and Signed as Constable of Lancaster

May the Sixteenth 1737 The Town being met full made Choyce of Josiah  
White Moderator

- 2 by the Town Towne voted to add Sixty Pounds in bills of the old currency to  
the Salary of the Rev Mr John Prentiss for this Present year So as to make  
up his Salary one hundred and sixty Pounds
- 3 The Town gave Five Pounds for the support of the widow Hannah Goolsberry to be paid  
in to the hands of the Select men for that use
- 4 the Select men laid before the Town a Bill of justt Gums as Required by Law  
for the Towns approbation which was Accepted  
and then the Select men opened the meeting for the Choyce of a Representative  
and Capt Ephraim Wilder was Chosen and Rejected then Mr Josiah White was  
Chosen and Rejected, and then Mr Jabez Fairbank was Chosen and Returned and  
the Town granted a libortie that Mr Jabez Fairbank draw twenty Pounds out  
of the Town Treasury in advance and to Repay in the same when he shall Receive  
his wages

Lull 6<sup>th</sup> 1737



Lancaster November 9<sup>th</sup> 1737 To Jonathan Bailey Constable Cholo and  
in His Majestys name to Request you to warn the freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants with in your Precinct Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at  
a meeting house on Tuesday the fifteenth of this Instant at nine of the clock  
in the forenoon then and there to Choose a collector or Collectors to Gather in  
the Remaining Part of a Highway Rate and to Consider and ad Condemning what  
is to be don in Granting a Rate to Defray Town Charges also a Rate for  
a Support of the School for 4 years Invising also to see what the Town will a-  
low Robert Phelps for Paying Daniel MackDaniels Rate also to see what  
the Town will allow John Fletcher for paying Nathan Bards Rate -  
also to see what is to be don on the Petition of Gamaliel Remond and others  
which is as followeth

To the Select men of a Town of Lancaster Gentlemen are the subscribers -  
Desire that you would be pleased to call a Town Meeting as soon as May Court  
Convenience to see if a Town will Grant this our Petition viz. to see whether  
the Town will by a vote Set off the Southern Part of a additional Grant to  
Lancaster and Part of a old Township to be a separate Township By it self  
in such convenient form time as the Great and General Court shall see meet  
viz. that an angle be made at four Miles Distance from the north west cor-  
ner of Lancaster old Township and a line to Run over a South most wa-  
capait Hill and so over a Rocky Hill and so to a Town line and to a Pond  
Salt word in to a old Township one mile and from thence that a line be  
be Run Southely untill it Coms to a Scar on a South River which is  
about thirty Rods below a mill belonging to a heirs of Joseph Sawyer Dece-  
ed that stands on said River and that the line extend to a South line of  
the Township &c and if a Town be wiser that every man pay for his improve-  
ment or Improved Lands when he lives &c

Lancaster 15<sup>th</sup> 1737 I have warned the free holders and other Inhabitants with in my Precinct to meet at a meeting house at a time and  
Place according to said warrant Jonathan Bailey Constable of Lancaster  
if like warrants was Given to and Returns made by a others Constables of a Town  
to wit Jonathan White and Joshua Houghton -

The Town being met accordingly first made choice of Josiah White Moderator

- 2 The Question was put whether a Town will Choose Collectors to gather a  
are of a Highway Rates and it passed in a affirmative
- 3 The Question was Put whether those that are Delinquent in their Highway  
Rates have three weeks time Given them from this day to work out their  
Remainder of their Rates and it passed in a affirmative
- 4 They made choice of a several Surveyors to be a collectors of a are of a  
Highway Rates that shall not be wrought out in a space of three weeks  
viz Jeremiah Wilson Jr John Josiah Harkness Gater Jonathan Carter John  
Houghton Jr and Benjamin Ballard
- 5 Granted a Rate of Thirty Pounds to defray Town Charges -
- 6 voted to allow John Fletcher and Robert Phelps so much as a Rate  
of Nathan Bard and Daniel MackDaniels amount to who absconded
- 7 The Question was put whether a Town would Grant a Request of Gam-  
aliel Remond and others and it passed in a negative



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Lancaster December 10<sup>th</sup> 1737 To Joshua Houghton Constable you are Required in His Majesty's name to warn all freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs within your Precinct to meet at 11 meeting House in said Lancaster on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of this Instant at ten of the Clock in the fore Noon There and there to Consider whether the Town will Choose one or more Agents to appear at the Great and General Court to Give in Reason why the Petition of David of Good and others may not be Granted also to See what is to be done Concerning a Petition of Capt Peter Jostlin and others which is as follows

To the Select men of the Town of Lancaster Gent These are to Request and Desire you to put into your warning for the next meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants in said Town Qualified to vote according to Law to See whether the Town will bid a new meeting house on the old meeting House Place by Mr. Hooker of Good's fee or on the School house hill upon the neck of such a byness as the Town shall think fit; Excusing the Eastern Part of the Town already voted of to be a Township when the General Court shall think fit to incorporate them in to a Township as also to excuse Petitioners living on the South westerly part of the additional Grant now Petitioning to the General Court to be Set off as a Township to excuse them from any Charge to the building of said meeting house to be built as also to See if the Town will act and vote of the South westerly part of the additional Grant that are now Petitioning to the General Court to be Set off as a Town Excepting what of the old Town the Petitioners ask for

Lancaster 11<sup>th</sup> of December 1737 By virtue of this warrant I have Warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs within my Precinct to meet at 11 o'clock and Place appointed to Consider if several petitions Set forth in said Warrant Joshua Houghton Constable of Lancaster the like warrants were given to the other Constables and Returns made by them at a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified as the Law Directs to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled December 19<sup>th</sup> 1737 and in the first Place made Choice of Mr. Josiah White for a moderator

chose William Josiah White Select men Samuel Foster of Lancaster John Bennett Elias Sawyer

- 2<sup>d</sup> the Question was Put whether the Town will make answer at the Great and General Court 12<sup>th</sup> of this Instant December why the Prayer of the Petition of David of Good and others Praying that they may be Set off as a separate Township should not be Granted and it Passed in the negative
- 3<sup>d</sup> the Question was Put whether the Request of Capt Peter Jostlin and others as Set forth in the warning to build a meeting house should be Granted and it passed in the negative
- 4<sup>th</sup> the Question was Put whether the Town will vote of the South Part of the additional Grant to be a separate Township and it passed in the negative

Josiah White moderator

Entered on Lancaster Town Book by Joseph Wilder Clerk



Monday march 6<sup>th</sup> 1737/8 The Town being met upon due warning  
given for it (Hoyar of Town officers  
in it) and after it was et men came for it votes for a moderator and Mr  
Josiah Wheeler was Chosen of moderator and after it Reading of it Lists of  
rates Lodged with it Town (List of it assessors; as also it Rates Required to be R.  
the select men Presented to it Town an account their management of it Prudent  
affairs of it Town for it year Past which is as follows:

1 Besides the warning of Town meeting they have made a Highway Rate of 100<sup>l</sup>  
and given Lists to it Surveyors to see that it be wrought, as also what men were  
behind in their former Highway Lists or Rates

2 They have Paid Josiah W. for and Thomas Monroe it Sum of five Pounds  
for keeping it Widow Goodbury

3 They find it assessors have made a ministerial Rate of £160 Pounds and  
have committed Lists to the Constables with warrants Requiring them to  
walk it same and to Pay in to Joseph Good Town Treasurer viz. one  
half there of at on or before the first Day of January next and the  
other half at on or before it first Day of July following which will be in 1738  
To viz: To Jonathan White Constable it Sum of £ 38 - 17 - 4

To Joshua Houghton Constable - it Sum of - 58 - 14 - 8

To Jonathan Bailey Constable - it Sum of - 62 - 7 - 6

and the said Joseph Good Treasurer is ordered to Pay it said money  
to it Reverend Mr John Prentiss it one half there of on it first day of  
January. and it other half on it first of July following being it Days abo  
we said when he was to Receive it same

4 They also find that it assessors have Taxed it Town for it Province £375 - 11  
and a County Rate of £29 - 6 - 3

and a Town Rate of £32 and a School Rate of 60 and have -

committed them to it Constables in one List the whole is 92<sup>l</sup> - and -  
have committed Lists to it Constables with warrants to Goather it same  
and order them in to pay in it same to Joseph Good Treasurer at on  
or before it first Day of this Instant March; The sum committed to said

Constables are To Jonathan White Constable - £ 25 - 16 - 1

To Joshua Houghton Constable - 34 - 5 - 6

To Jonathan Bailey - Constable - 36 - 1 - 2

5 The Select men have Excommunicated in to it School money that was  
granted in Decem<sup>r</sup> 1736 and find that it will Pay it School Master untill  
it second Day of may 1738

6 They have Reconciled with Mr Joseph Good Town Treasurer and find  
that he hath fifty two Pounds Eleven shillings and seven pence  
in his hands when he hath paid according to his orders that is the  
money the Town hath Excepting what the assessors have ordered it  
Constables to pay in unto Joseph Good Town Treasurer for -

it year 1737

They



They have Reconc with M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice and find that if said m<sup>r</sup> Joseph of good Town Treasurer hath Paid to him one Hundred and fifty Pounds according to his order and the said M<sup>r</sup> John Prentice hath given a receipt that he hath Received of if Town Treasurer one Hundred and fifty Pounds being what was allowed him for his Salary for that year which ended July 1<sup>st</sup> 1737 The select men have given order to m<sup>r</sup> of good Town Treasurer to demand Recover and Recover of if Constables aforesaid if 32 Town Rates and if Sixty Pounds which are made in on List - which they are obliged by their warrant to pay in unto him by if full of March 1737 and the said Joseph of good is obliged to pay out said money from to to time as he shall Receive order from if select men of said Town

The select men hath given order to if said Joseph of good Town Treasurer to Pay out of if money aforesaid in this manner:

for mending if missing Hous Glass	£	3	13	6
To Herakiah Gates for window frames	0	12	0	
To John Fletcher for Nathan Darts Rates	0	17	9	
To Robert Phelps for Daniel MacDonells Rates	0	12	0	
To Samuel Carter for timber	1	0	0	
To Aaron Willard for Timber	1	15	0	
To John Bennett for timber	0	14	0	
To Peter Joslin for timber	0	14	0	
To Amos Sawyer for work at if bridge	0	8	3	
To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown for keeping School	30	0	0	
To m <sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown	18	0	0	
To Jonathan Rugg for Sweeping if meeting house	2	5	0	
To if as before seven pounds nine shillings viz	7	9	0	
To the lawyer if John Smith 3-12-0 To Oliver Willard 4-12-0				

Samuel Carter  
Herakiah White  
Robert Phelps  
John Bennett  
Select men  
of if  
of if  
of if

Then if the moderator called for if votes for five select men and m<sup>r</sup> Josiah White David of good John Bennett Capt & Oliver Willard & m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Carter was chosen

Then if the moderator called for votes for a town Clerk & Joseph Wilder was chosen  
Then if the moderator called for votes for three Constables and Peter Joslin was chosen on if west side if River Joseph Whodlock on if north side John Moore on the east side if River, Peter Joslin appears on if before if Town and Requested to serve and paid down five pound to if select men and then if the moderator called for votes and Jonas Fairbank was chosen and hired with Pollard to serve in his stead and if Town expressed him & he was chosen



Then if constable Called for votes for John Furman and Nathaniel  
Hapgood was chosen

Then if moderator Called for votes for six surveyors of the county -  
and a liver-meas Benjamin Harris Benjamin Whitcomb Jonathan Wheelock  
John Whitcomb and Joshua Moor was chosen

Then for assessors 3 Thomas Fowbank and Jonathan Roman was chosen  
Then for thing men, and John Roman and Benjamin Houghton was chosen

Then for dog-cows or pet Drivers John Snow Joshua Fairbank John  
Jonathon Wilton Simon Whitcomb & Joshua Moor was chosen

Then up also of Leather and Iron (what was chosen)

Then m<sup>r</sup> Josiah White was chosen highway and poor Surveyor -

m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fairbank Town Treasurer and Ezekiah Gales Surveyor  
of Shingles and Plabords

The above named was sworn to him Respective offices  
Excepting m<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fowbank Benj Houghton John Snow Joshua Fairbank  
Jonathon Wilton and Joshua Moor as a full Justice & Benjamin Roman  
The above said Proceedings and Elections of if Day Entered

To Joseph Wheelock you one of if Constables of Lancaster town in this  
majestys name you are <sup>highly</sup> Required to warn the freeholders and other qualified persons  
at Lancaster and in your Precinct Quallified to vote at a meeting to meet at  
if meeting house in Lancaster on wednesday Day of the 3<sup>d</sup> of May next  
atten at if flock in the fore noon then and there to Grant a Rate a Rate  
for if support of a school, and a new rate it needed also to Pay m<sup>r</sup> Hooker  
also an other order for the if of the Rate by Reason of the  
absence of sum the was in the before (and to collect also to make  
such addition to if salary of if <sup>Ar</sup> Rector m<sup>r</sup> John D. live at if  
if constable also to pay if Constables for if day meeting if meeting  
for Last year you are also alike Required to warn if freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of said Town who are Quallified to vote for  
Representatives to meet at if same time and Place to choose or  
more Persons Quallified according to Law to Represent them in a great  
and honoral Court to be holden at Boston - on the 2<sup>d</sup> wednesday of -  
this Instant may and so from time to time; and make due Return of  
this warrant and of your doings thereon to if select men or some  
of them before if time appointed for said meeting fail not at your  
peril Dated at Lancaster if 3<sup>d</sup> of may anno domini 1738, 4<sup>th</sup> Elor m<sup>th</sup>.  
year of his majestys Reign anno do Samuel Carter  
1738

Joseph Wheelock Town Clerk  
Oliver Wilder } Select men  
Josiah White }



Lancaster February 13<sup>th</sup> 1737/8 Then Recorded with W<sup>th</sup> Hon<sup>rs</sup> Josiah  
White Samuel Carter Oliver Wilder - Elias Sawyer and John Prout Select men  
of the Town of Lancaster and I have Received of the Town Treasurer -  
a sum of one hundred and fifty Pounds being what was allowed me for my  
Salary for that year which ended July 1<sup>st</sup> 1737 John Prout  
a true Copy of a Receipt Given by Select men attests Joseph Wilder Clerk

By virtue of this warrant I have Warned the Persons within  
Required with in my Precinct who are Quallified to vote in town  
affairs and also such as are Quallified to vote in the Choyce of a  
Representative to meet at a meeting House at 9 o'clock with in Required  
to act on the Petitioners with in named Joseph Wheelock one of the  
Constables of Lancaster & other Constables had a like warrant and  
made a like Return

- at a Town meeting Legaly assembled may 17<sup>th</sup> 1738 first made Choyce  
of M<sup>r</sup> Josiah White for their Moderator
- 1 They Granted a School of Sixty Pounds to Support a School if your coming  
to be made by next Decem<sup>r</sup>
  - 2 they Granted to Joseph Wilder Town Clerk two Shillings a page for the  
Entrys he shall make in a Town Book to be allowed him in his work  
in the Repair of Highways
  - 3 they Granted a Highway Rate of 150 Pounds to be made and Proportioned  
by the Select men as to the Law of those working when they shall  
Commit a Rate to a Surveyor
  - 4 the Town voted to Give a Rev M<sup>r</sup> John Prentiss Sixty Pounds in  
a new tenure for his Salary for this Present year
  - 5 They voted that a Trustees of 60 Thousand Pounds loan: or: Colonel  
Samuel Willard Capt Oliver Wilder - and Capt William Richardson forth  
with Deliver to a Rev M<sup>r</sup> John Prentiss the whole of a Interest of  
of a loan money that shall be due to a Town of Lancaster pursuant  
to a act of a Court for Granting a Loan, when the necessary Charge about  
a same is Subacted, in Consideration of his Late Discharge
  - 6 Lastly they Proposed and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Jabez Fairbank Representative  
for a Present year, and advanced to him twenty Pound out of the  
Town Treasury he the said Fairbank to Reimbur a same when he  
shall Receive his wages from the Country for his Service -



Worcester p<sup>r</sup> To Joseph Wheelock one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster  
Greeting &c. These are in his majesties Name to Require you to warn  
the free holders and other Inhabitants living on the north ~~side~~  
and Easterly Side of y<sup>e</sup> River in Lancaster that are Qualified for  
Vote in Town affairs, to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in Said Lancaster  
on Monday the fifth Day of February next at twelve of y<sup>e</sup> Clock  
on Said Day

Then and there to Consider Conclude act and do what shall  
be thought proper to be don Referring to a Petition Signed by  
Gamaliel Beman and others which Petition is as followeth viz:  
To the Select men of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster Gent men, we  
the Subscribers desire that you will be pleased to assemble y<sup>e</sup>  
Town by your warrants to y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Said Town or some  
other legal way at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in Said Town as soon as  
may be with Convenience to See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will by a vote  
of the Southerly part of y<sup>e</sup> additionall Grant to Lancaster and  
apart of y<sup>e</sup> old Township to be a Separate Township by it self  
in such convenient time as the Great and General Court shall  
See meet: viz: that an angle be made at four miles Distance  
from the north west Corner of Lancaster old Township, and that  
aline be Ran over the South most Wap<sup>ac</sup>acit Hill and  
so over y<sup>e</sup> Rocky hill and so to y<sup>e</sup> west line of y<sup>e</sup> Town and to  
extend Easterly in to y<sup>e</sup> old Town <sup>ship</sup> one mile; and from thence that  
aline be Ran Southward to a Scar on the South River which is  
about thirty or forty Rods below y<sup>e</sup> Mills be longing to y<sup>e</sup> heirs  
of Joseph Sawyer Lowes that stands on Said River and that  
the Said line extend to y<sup>e</sup> South line of Said Town, and as in &c.  
I shall ever pray October y<sup>e</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1738

Gamaliel Beman

also to see if y<sup>e</sup> Town can  
accommodate y<sup>e</sup> affair some  
other way, be between Said Town  
and petitioners - and make due

Samuel Sawyer Benjamin Doughton  
Dove Just Shubal Bailey  
Rubin Rugg Jonathan Wilder  
Ephraim Sawyer Jonathan Power  
Jonathan Bailey Jacob Kilborn  
moses Bailey James Ross

Return of this your warrant - with your do<sup>u</sup> -  
thow on tents some one of us before y<sup>e</sup> Com of said meeting as you  
will answer - you will answer your Default before at Lancaster  
January y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1738/9 and in y<sup>e</sup> 12 year of his majesties Reign  
annodomini 1738/9

Josiah White

John Bennett

Daniel Good

Select men  
of Lancaster

Feb<sup>y</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1738/9 I have according to y<sup>e</sup> within  
warrant warned y<sup>e</sup> free holders and other  
Inhabitants within my Precinct that are  
Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> time - and place within  
mentioned Joseph Wheelock Constable for Lancaster



Alike warrant was Given to William Pollard Constable for warning  
if other Part of if Town and alike Return made there on under his-  
hand - at assembling of if freeholders and other Inhabitants of Town of  
~~January~~ if 5<sup>th</sup> 1738/9 on if warrant afore said on the other Side of  
free holders and other Inhabitants being Legally assembled The List  
of voters being Produced the Select men Read the same to if Town &  
then called for their votes for a Moderator and chose <sup>me</sup> Josiah White  
to be chosen moderator of said meeting

and the last Question that was Put was whether if Petition of Gamaliel  
Roman and others be so far granted that if Land in the additional Grant  
Prayed for and half an mile Eastward in to if old Township and from  
thence to Run a line Southwardly parallel with if line prayed for till it  
meets with if South line of the old Township beset off as a separate  
Township if if General Court please, and it Passed in if negative -  
2 The Votes that if Petition of Gamaliel Roman and others be so far  
granted that the South Part of if additional Grant prayed for  
and that they extend if line ~~from the end of if four mile East and South half~~  
an mile in to the old Township, and from thence to Run a line South-  
ward in to if line petitioned for due west from Jonas Trimbanks House -  
and from thence with a straight line to if Scar on if River and so to if  
Town line; beset off as a separate Township if if Court and General  
Court Please They the said Town Maintaining and Keeping in Repair  
for ever if Foot Bridge over if South River in Lancaster that is in the  
Road next above if meetings of if River which vote passed in if affir-  
my time

3 The Question was Put whether if Petition of Gamaliel Roman &  
others be granted they Keeping in Good Repair for ever - a Bridge  
so called or that bridge that Crosseth if South River nearest if mill.  
It was if if General Court seemeth to Grant if same and it passed in  
the negative

Josiah White Moderator

Lastly if Select men according to if Custom and Usage in said Town -  
Warned if freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as  
if Law Directs to meet at if meeting House in said Town on if first -  
Monday of March next at nine of if Clock in the Morning to Choose  
Town officers - as if Law Directs



To the Proprietors of Lancaster these are to notify you that the Town of Harvard Requests that you would make Resolution in Land for damage done by some Private assays within the Town of Harvard that was formerly Lancaster as has been usual in the Town of Lancaster

and also that there is some Divisions in Lancaster that those that have been damaged there by Harrow as yet had no Resolution and would take it in Land, what is to be considered of and acted upon at your next meeting on if first Monday of February next being your stated meeting Then the Proprietors meeting was adjourned to if second Monday of May next

May if 1738 The following vote was Put whether the Proprietors will make allowance in Land for if Damage done in Private Persons Land by Private assays Proving their Land by giving them three acres for one to wit in that Part of Harvard that formerly belonged to Lancaster Provided that the Town of Harvard will vote or allow the Inhabitants on said Part of Harvard should be abated some of their Part of if Purchase of said Private assays as shall be allowed by if Proprietors of Lancaster to assays already laid out which shall be in the affirmation to together with if Request of Harvard Select men which is as followeth first if Road from Levitt Jonathan Sawyers to if meeting House it runs upon Common Land 206 Rods containing two acres and a half then upon

Stephen Woughtons Land 83 Rods containing one acre and six Rods upon David Warners Land 32 Rods which contains one quarter of an acre & 24 Rods upon if Widow Driest Land 20 Rods which contains one quarter of an acre upon if Rev m John Scumbs Land 156 Rods containing one acre & 32 Rods the whole of said Road 497 Rods which is in if whole 6 m 34 Rods

The Road from John Martins runs on Common Land 100 Rods upon Land of Joseph Fairbank 40 Rods containing half an acre upon Land of Caleb Sawyer 52 Rods containing half an acre and 24 Rods upon Land of Shadrach Hopgood 142 Rods containing 1 acre & 3 of an acre & 4 Rods upon Land of Samuel Warners 178 Rods containing 3/4 acre and 36 Rods containing in the whole 492 Rods containing in the whole 5 acres 24 Rods

The Road from Thomas Wheelers upon Land of Thomas Wheelers 120 Rods containing one acre and a half upon Land of Samuel Mears 46 Rods containing half an acre & 12 Rods upon Common Land Sixty Rods containing 3 of an acre upon Land of Jonathan French 32 — contains Sixty four Rods upon Land of Jonathan Whitney 196 Rods containing two acres & Sixty eight Rods upon Land of Jonathan Sawyer 26 Rods contains 52 Rods contains in if whole six acres

The Road from Ebenezer Worsters upon Common Land 118 Rods contains one acre & 30 Rods on Land of Ebenezer Worsters 96 Rods one acre and 32 Rods on Land of Sarah Whitney 192 Rods contains two acres & 78 Rods



John Mortimer

Lebed m.  
of Harvard

Confirmed  
 Lancaster October 28<sup>th</sup> 1739 Then laid out away of three Rods  
 wide It began at a north west corner of a old Township From thence  
 Running a cross <sup>way</sup> Beman's Land and ~~the~~ four Rods and then across the  
 widow Andersons Land Sixty two Rods and then it Runs on a fifty acres  
 Land till it meets with the Road that Comes from Joseph Whitcombs  
 and Leads to uncatcha walack Said way lyeth to a north of the meadow  
 there is allowed three acres for one Excepted and allowed by a Town  
 Lancaster 29<sup>th</sup> 1739 Then at a desire of John Sawyer, & <sup>4 others</sup> Select men  
 Remount a way that passes John Sawyers Land formerly laid out to a  
 South Side of <sup>Sawyers</sup> Barn it lyeth on a South of the Marks made  
 for said way  
 Joseph White — } Select men  
 Samuel Carter — } of Lancaster

John. Brand

Oliver Wilde

Select men  
of Lancashire



an account of the Select Men of Lancaster for the year 1738  
of their management of the Prudential affairs of the Town which  
are as followeth Besides the warning of Town meetings they have  
made a Highway Rate of one Hundred Pounds and have given Lists  
to the Surveyors to see that it be brought out as also what more was  
behind in their former Highway Rates in the year 1737 They have  
also made a Rate of Sixty Pounds in the new tenor for  
the support of the minister and have committed Lists to the Constables  
with warrants to collect the same and requiring them to pay in  
the same at or before the first day of January 1738 to the  
Town Treasurer for that year and the other half at or before  
the first day of July 1739 They have also made a School Rate of  
Twenty pounds thirteen shillings and four pence in the new tenor and have  
put it in with the Ministers Rate they have also made a Poor Rates  
of 170 8 - 4 in the new tenor they have also made a County Rate  
of 29 - 6 - 4 old tenor and have committed Lists to the Constables  
to gather the same and to pay it to the County Treasurer.

They have also Examined as to the School money and find it will pay  
the School Master till the first day of May next

They have also Reconciled with the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr John Prentice and find he  
hath Received of Mr Joseph Eggo 160 pounds in full of his Salary  
till July the 1<sup>st</sup> 1738

They have also Reconciled with Joseph Eggo Town Treasurer and find  
he hath now in his hands of the Town money Sixty Pounds one shilling  
and one penny and have given him order to pay the same to Jacob  
Fairbank the Present Town Treasurer, we also find that Mr Fair  
banks hath fourteen Pounds of the Town money already in his hands  
all which makes 74 - 1 - 1 which is the whole of the Town money  
Excepting what has been ordered to be paid unto Jacob Fairbank Town Treas-  
urer by the Constables this present year.

Here follows an account of what money hath been paid out of the Town  
money in the year 1738

To Mr Swan for Preaching	2 - 10 - 0
To Jonathan Rugg for <sup>marrying</sup> <del>marrying</del>	2 - 10 - 0
To Aaron Willard for timber	0 - 19 - 0
To John Bonnit for lumber	0 - 10 - 0
To Noah Roman and Stephen Gates as Rates	2 - 0 - 0
To Plinias Gibbs & Thoni Wonders sons Rates	1 - 3 - 0
To the select men for making Rates	6 - 2 - 2

Given February the 27 1738/9

Jehiah White	} select men of Lancaster
Oliver Witter	
David Eggo	
John Bonnit	



At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> freholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster qualified as the Law Directs for the Choyce of  
Town Officers March 4<sup>th</sup> 1738 and first made Choyce of Capt Ephraim  
Wilder for a moderator -

2 Rd the Laws Directs to be Rd in y<sup>e</sup> opening of said meeting -

3 Received an account of y<sup>e</sup> Select men of their management of y<sup>e</sup> Prudent  
affairs of y<sup>e</sup> Town y<sup>e</sup> year past which is Entered on the other Id of this  
Leaf, and Then voted to Chooe five Select men

and then y<sup>e</sup> moderator - Called for y<sup>e</sup> votes for five Select men and  
Mr Josiah White David of Good Joseph Wheelock Maj Oliver Wilder & Cap  
Hooker of Good was Chosen; Then the Town voted to Chooe two Con-  
nabols for this year -

Then voted that y<sup>e</sup> Road begining at Bolton line near William -  
Houghtons and Runing over by y<sup>e</sup> Road m<sup>d</sup> John Prentices and so -  
up along by Samuel Fortes John Sawyers and John Snoves and so to y<sup>e</sup> -  
Town line be the line to Divide y<sup>e</sup> Connable Precincts

Then the moderator Called for y<sup>e</sup> votes on the southerly side of y<sup>e</sup> Road  
and Ephraim Wilder Jr was Chosen who Refused to serve and paid five -  
pounds

Then other votes was Called for and Uzakiah Gales was Chosen

Then y<sup>e</sup> moderator Called for y<sup>e</sup> votes for a Connable on the north  
side of Road and John Sawyer was Chosen who Refused to serve -

Then other votes was Called for and Jonathan Kindal was Chosen, who  
Refused y<sup>e</sup> afore said Uzakiah Gales and y<sup>e</sup> Town Excepted of him in his R<sup>e</sup> -

Then y<sup>e</sup> moderator Called for y<sup>e</sup> votes for a Town Treasurer and -  
Deacon Josiah White was Chosen

Then voted to Chooe four Surveyors and Ebenezer Benman Jonathan  
Wilder Jonathan of Good and Joshua Fairbank was Chosen

Then John Johnson and Ebenezer Wilder was Chosen Tythingmen - Thome  
amos Sawyer was Chosen Soaler of Leather Dray Ballard Surveyor of (Labod &

Then Chooe Jonathan schoolok Jonathan Carter Uzakiah Whitcomb  
and John Prescott Juner for four Drury & hogrow

Then made Choyce of Maj Wilder Deacon white and Capt of Good for  
Assessors  
Ephraim Wilder moderator

Then y<sup>e</sup> Drapinctor Chole Capt Wilder moderator in y<sup>e</sup> Room of Deacon  
white of y<sup>e</sup> Trebmans meeting so Called and then it was voted that  
John Giff and John Prescott Juner have Liberty to Dig a ditch across  
y<sup>e</sup> Hiway way near y<sup>e</sup> end of whashacomb pond provided they make y<sup>e</sup>  
way passable over said Ditch and Maintain it so for ever

Entered on y<sup>e</sup> Book of Jo Sept. Wilder Clerk



Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> 1739 at a Legal meet-<sup>ing</sup> of the  
freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified  
to vote in the Choice of a Representative by warning  
given by the select men; The select Men called for votes  
for a Choice of a Representative and Mr. Ebenezer Wilder  
was Chosen by a majoritie of votes

Whereas by the Honorable Gales Constable of Lancaster In-  
His Majesty's name you are here by Required to warn the free-  
holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified to vote  
in Town affairs to meet at a meeting House in said Town on Thurs-  
day the twenty third day of this Instant October at ten of the Clock  
in the fore noon then and there to Consider of and act upon the fol-  
lowing particulars here after mentioned viz if Town has fit & convenient  
place to so what addition it Town will make to its Salary of the  
Rev. Mr. John Prentice

- 2 to Grant a Tax for its Support of the School for 1740
- 3 to see if it Town will take or free its north part of its additional  
grant to Lancaster their part of its minister and School Rates  
one year or more
- 4 to see if it Town will act any thing on the Petition of  
of Joseph moors and others and make Return forth with

Dated at Lancaster October 4<sup>th</sup> 1739 Joseph White  
the Constable made Return that he Oliver Wilder } select  
had warned it Town according to his warrant David Osgood } men of  
Lancaster  
at a Legal meeting of its free holders and other Inhabitants  
of Lancaster on October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1739 first made Choice of  
Samuel Willson Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator; Then adjourned its meeting to its  
first Monday of November next at ten of the Clock in the fore  
noon at its meeting House in Lancaster Samuel Willson moderator  
November first Monday 1739 on its adjournment from its 23<sup>rd</sup> of Octo-  
ber first voted to give its Rev. Mr. John Prentice one hundred &  
ninety two pounds for his Salary for this year

- 2 they granted a Rate of 80 Pounds for its Support of a School &  
that it may be made with its ministers Rates now granted
- 3 it was put by asking its Question whether the north part of  
its additional grant be freed from their Minister and School Rates  
and it voted in its negative & for half of it and it voted in its negative
- 4 The Request of Joseph moors and others was put & it voted in  
its negative & for one half and it voted in its negative



Lancaster December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1739 The Town meet and chose  
Joseph Moor and Jonathan Wilson to Prosecute Such as —  
should Kill Deer unseasonably

Jehah White Moderator  
Enored & Joseph Wilder Clerk —

At a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of ~~Lancaster~~  
the Town of Lancaster Qualifies to vote in the Choice of Town off-  
fices being legally assembled on Monday 2<sup>d</sup> of March 1739/40  
first made choice of Samuel Willard Esq<sup>r</sup> for a moderator  
2 Read & Leases appointed by Law to be Read in the opening & meeting  
Then Read an account of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen of their management of y<sup>e</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> Prudential affairs of y<sup>e</sup> Town y<sup>e</sup> year past which is as followeth  
Besides the Warning of Town meetings: 4. They have made a Rate  
of ninety Pounds thirteen shillings and four Pence for the Reverend  
Mr John Prentice Sallory and for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School and have  
given a List to Hierakiah Gates Constable of said Town with a  
Requiring him to Collect and pay in y<sup>e</sup> same unto Joliah White  
Town Treasurer the one half thereof at or before the first  
January 1739/40 and the other half at or before y<sup>e</sup> first day  
of July 1740 They have also given order to Joliah White Town Treasurer  
to pay Two and Thirty Pounds of said money unto y<sup>e</sup> Rev Mr John Prentice  
at or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of January 1739/40 and the other Thirty two  
pounds at or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of July 1740 and to pay out the  
Remainings of said money as he shall Receive order from time  
to time

They have Also Received with Jabez Fairbank Treasurer &  
find that of y<sup>e</sup> money committed to him y<sup>e</sup> Rev Mr John Prentice  
hath Received 180 Pounds which is the whole of the Sallory the  
Town granted for that year which ended y<sup>e</sup> first of July 1739 —  
we also find that Jabez Fairbank hath paid to Ebenezer Wilder  
Twenty Pounds according to his order, we also find that he hath paid  
to Mr Brown for keeping School five Pounds fifteen shillings  
also to Joliah White comb four Pounds for Plank to John Johnson  
Rate 1-2-6 To Drats Rate 0-18-4 To Steph Gates Rate 0 —  
So that there Remains in said Fairbanks hand 28-15-1  
of y<sup>e</sup> Town Rate and 40-0-0 of y<sup>e</sup> School Rate which we  
have given order to Joliah White Treasurer to Receive and of  
the Twenty pounds in his hand which he is obliged to pay —  
we have also Received the wages as Representative

Joliah White } Select men  
Joseph Wilder } of Lancaster  
Joseph White



The select men then produced a Receipt from the Rev. Mr. Dr. Prentiss and Rev. Mr. Town which is as follows  
Lancaster March 3 1739 40 Then the said with messrs Josiah White Oliver Wilder Glover & good friends and Joseph who had lock in select men and I have received of sum of one hundred and eighty pounds being what was allowed me as salary by the Town of Lancaster for that year which ended July 3 1739 I say received by me

180  
David Egge and Houghton Thomas Houghton and Benjamin Houghton were chosen

Then votes was called for for a Town Clerk and Joseph Hilditch was chosen  
Then a question was put whether the Town will (the other three) Constables this year and it passed in the Negative and then a question was put to see if the Town will (the other two) and it passed in the affirmative and if Divided to be as it was the last year

Then votes was called for for a Constable on the north side of way and Mr. James Richardson was chosen

Then votes was called for for a Constable on the South side of way and Jonathan Egge was chosen, who had 90 shillings given to serve in his time

Then Mr. James Richardson was put to be excused from serving as Constable for that year and if Question being put it passed in the affirmative and votes being again called for a Constable on the north side of way and Benjamin Egge was taken (the other)

Then votes was called for for a Town Treasurer and Ezra Sawyer was chosen

Then they voted to choose six surveyors of Highways and (the other) Daniel Willard Andrew Wilder Daniel Abbot Jacob Kilbo James Wilder William Divil was chosen

Then for new voters and Aaron Willard and Joshua Tanton was chosen

and then James Kinda John Phillips Phineas How and Princes Benjamin Ballard surveyors of Highways & Rungols

Ainot Sawyer Solor of Leethor

Daniel Knight and Oliver moon

John Bonrill Thomas Houghton and Benjamin Houghton

at meeting of the select men and other inhabitants of Lancaster for the purpose of meeting at the meeting house May 4 1740 to be as warning given and

26 Then votes to make such an addition to the salary of the Reverend Mr. John Dr. Prentiss for the year coming on being they year 1741 as to make his salary for said year Two Hundred and ten

Pounds in the present sum an year

3 They then made a Tax or Rate of Eighty Pounds for the support of a school in said Town for the aforesaid year



4 by they granted a Rate of one Hundred Pounds to be wrought  
ought on of Kuwais in Said Town.

5 by of Question was Put whether the Town will give Herakiah  
rates five Pounds to be of wholl Service or Contribble in the Town  
for of Present year and it passed in of negative.

Lastly votes was failed for a Constable and Daniel Knight was Chosen  
Ephraim Wilder moderator

Then of School men Took upon them of Government of of meet-  
ing upon them and after Reading of of common Precept they  
Paled for votes for a Representative and Samuel Willard  
of was Chosen - Entered of - Joseph Wilder Clerk

Whereof is To Herakiah rates one of the Constable of Lancaster

This Majesties name you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other persons  
that are bound to vote in Town affairs within your Precinct to meet  
at of meetings in the Town of Lancaster on Monday the Twenty Seventh Day  
of this Instant at Twelve of of Clock on Said Day then and there  
to Consider and to do what the Town shall think proper  
to be done on the Petitioners here after mentioned as first to see  
if of Town will make any alterations of of votes for dividing of of  
Town to of Constable for gathering Rates that Each may have a like  
to do what of Town will do on petition Signed - Samual Bom and Sam  
Lancaster Jacob Kilbourn and several others which is as follows the Lanca-

sters of 1<sup>st</sup> 1740 To of Schoolmen of of Town of Lancaster Petition  
we the Subscribers inhabitants of of part of the additional of  
Grant to Lancaster and that Part of of Oldtown as Caled the mile  
in Caled in a vote of of Town made in Said Town on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day  
of February 1738 to be a separate Township: viz: to be of the

Town will by a vote with fees of one part of of minority Rate  
for one year or for of one half thereof or for some months  
in the year as we shall have Deciding among our selves and  
as in Law and shall ever pay and make Due Return - Dated  
October of 20<sup>th</sup> 1740 and in the fourth year of his majesties Reign  
of Great Britain Benjamin Houghton John Bennet David of good Selectmen  
of Lancaster -

Lancaster on October of 27<sup>th</sup> 1740 at a meeting of of freeholders and other  
inhabitants Qualified as of Law Direct first made Choice of Samuel Will  
of moderator - of Question was Put whether of Town will alter of Peti-  
tions of of Constable and it passed in of negative

2 by they Granted of Prayer of of Petitioners and it passed in of negative -

3 the Town voted that Twenty four Pounds be paid out of of Town  
treasury to be able the South part of the additional Grant to support  
working in the winter Season - Entered of Joseph Wilder Clerk -



a Copy of a warrant Given by y<sup>e</sup> Select-men of Lancaster  
To Daniell Knight one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster Greeting  
In His majesties name you are hereby Required to warn the  
Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Said Town of Lancaster  
to vote in Town a-cion dwelling in your Precinct; to meet at  
meeting House in the Town on y<sup>e</sup> first Monday of February next  
at Twelve o' y<sup>e</sup> Clock on y<sup>e</sup> forenoon Said Day to Consider of  
and act upon y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Ephraim Sawyer and others put in to  
y<sup>e</sup> Select men which is as followeth viz: to See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will buy  
two Meeting Houses one to accommodate y<sup>e</sup> South part of the  
Additional Grant and the other to accommodate the other to accommodate  
the ~~the~~ Remaining part of y<sup>e</sup> Town Each Specially to build and  
Place their own Meeting House; as as to Settle and maintain  
their own ministers or Else that the Town will Set off the  
Petitioners to be a Precinct that so they may buy for them selfe  
the bounds of Said Precinct to be agreeable to a vote of the  
Town made in the year 1738/9 to make them a separate  
Town ship and as in Law: &c. The Town are likewise warned to  
Show whether they are still free and willing that y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners  
be set off as a separate Town, viz agreeable to their former  
vote; now Cominster is set off if they like it better then what is  
above Requested and make due Return of this warrant, Dated  
Lancaster y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>th</sup> 1740 John Bannitt Town Clerk Small Houghton Benja  
min Houghton Select-men of Lancaster By virtue of the within  
written Warrant I have caused the following and other Inhabitants of  
Lancaster to meet at time and Place within mentioned Daniell Knight first  
February y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> forenoon and also Inhabitants of Lancaster being  
met on the morning above Said adjourned the meeting to y<sup>e</sup> second day  
of March following and then met  
and the Question being put whether the Town will Dispose to build two  
meeting Houses in the manner set forth in the warrant and it Passed  
the Negative and then the Question was Put whether the Town  
will Set off y<sup>e</sup> Petitioners to be a Precinct according to the bounds  
set forth and it passed in the negative  
and then y<sup>e</sup> Question being Put to See if y<sup>e</sup> Town are still free and  
willing that the Petitioners be set off as a separate Town ship  
agreeable to a former vote of the Town made them; now  
Cominster is set off and it Passed in the affirmative.



at a Meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
of Lancaster qualified to vote in the Piece of Town etc.  
on Monday 2 day of March 1740 first made choice of Mr  
Joseph Egge moderator who called for votes for five persons  
and John Wilder Joliah White Capt Hooker of good Cap  
William Richardson and Israel Houghton were chosen  
Then votes for a Town Clerk and Joseph Wilder Esq was  
Then votes was called for a Constable on the north side  
and Joseph Wilder Jr was chosen who hired Aaron Willson  
to serve in his Room and the Town accepted of him - -  
Then votes was called for a Constable on the South west side  
of the Town and Amos Wilder was chosen who hired Hezekiah  
Gales to serve in his Room, and the Town accepted of him - -  
Then votes was called for a Town Treasurer and Amos Wilder was chosen  
Then votes for Surveyors of Highways and Fanny Richardson and Joshua Church  
and Samuel Gibbs Ephraim Carter and Josiah Carter were chosen  
Then votes was called for Tithing men and John Dorman and Ebenezer  
Wilder was votes  
Then for fence viewers and Benjamin Ballard and John Pashin were chosen  
Then for Justices of the Peace and John Pashin was chosen and Benjamin  
Benjamin Ballard was chosen Surveyor of Roads and Shingle  
Amos Sawyer Ballor of Leather  
Ebenezer Dorman and Amos Sawyer Inspectors of Lard  
Entered by Joseph Wilder Clerk

Worcester 16 To Hezekiah Gales one of the Constables of Lancaster  
Lancaster May 2 1741  
These are to Requirs you in his majesties name com-  
forth with to warn the freeholders and other Inhabitants of Lancaster  
within your precinct that have an Estate of freehold with in this Pro-  
vince of forty Shillings per annum at the least or other Estate to the value  
fifty Pounds Sterling to meet at a meeting House in said Lancaster on Mon-  
day 2 Eighteenth of this Inst and may at ten of the Clock in the fore noon  
then and there to Elect and Depute one or more persons to serve for  
and Represent them in a Great and General Court to be holden at the  
Court House in Boston on the Twenty Seventh Day of May Current at  
nine in the morning and from time to time  
at also the freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town equal-  
ly to vote in town affairs to meet at the same time and place  
to Consider of and act upon if several particulars here after Enumerated  
viz: to make such an addition to the Salary of the Reverend Mr John Prouty



as shall be thought Proper -

2 to Consider act and do what the Town may think proper for the Support  
of the School for <sup>if</sup> year forty two and make due Return of this warrant  
and of your doings there on to him of our selves one hour at least  
before said meeting fail not at your peril Joseph Oliver - Elder -  
William Richardson - Israel Houghton - Select men for Lancaster -

Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May anno 1741 the Town being met the warrant  
being Read and the Returns of it Contable and the voters Qualified the  
Select men (also for voters for a Representative the voters being brought in  
and told it was declared by it Select men that Capt William Richardson -  
was Chosen

Then a moderator was called for and Sater of Fairbank was Chosen -  
Then the Question was put whether the Town will add to m<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> centies  
Salary one hundred and ten pounds for this present year and it passed in <sup>the</sup> affirmative  
Then the Question was put whether the Town will Grant Eighty pounds  
for the Support of a School and it passed in the affirmative.  
Entered by Joseph Oliver Town Clerk

made June 4<sup>th</sup> 1741 at a meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants  
Qualified to vote in the Choyce of a Representative being Legally Summed  
by warrant from the Select men for void to Choyce and Representative  
and no more -

then the Select men Called for votes for a Representative and Capt  
William Richardson was Chosen Entered by Joseph Oliver Town Clerk

Lancaster February 4<sup>th</sup> 1744 Then Received with the Select men  
men of the Town of Lancaster - and I have Received in full the Sum  
of one hundred and ninety two Pounds in full of Salary for that  
year which ended July 4<sup>th</sup> 1740 as alleged - of a line of evidence  
Entered by my Regd Attorney Capt Joseph Oliver - Town Clerk



Was co her to Mr Aaron Hinds one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of  
the Town of Lancaster within the County of Worcester Greeting  
where as Complaint hath ben made to me y<sup>e</sup> Subscriber one of  
his Majesties Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace for the County of Worcester by  
Ebenzer Deman and Benjamin Ballard both of said Lancaster  
yeomen who Complainth and say that they together with a  
great many of the freeholders and Inhabitants of said Town did  
in a petition be from time bearing Date October y<sup>e</sup> nineteenth 1741  
setting forth the necessity of two Meeting Houses being built  
within y<sup>e</sup> said Town: &c and signified to y<sup>e</sup> Select men of said  
Lancaster their Desire that they should in sort their petition in  
the next warrant that the said Select men should issue for the  
calling a Town Meeting: &c and not with standing the Select men  
~~were~~ ~~equally~~ by Law to do yet unreasonably Denied a Grant y<sup>e</sup>  
Law of this Province in that Case made and Provided  
These are therefore in his majesties Name to will and Require  
you the said officer upon sight here of to notify and warn all  
the freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified according to Law  
to vote in Town Meetings within your Precinct in Lancaster  
above said to meet at the Publick Meeting house within said Town  
on Friday the twentieth Day of January Instant at Eleven of  
the Clock in the forenoon, then and there being duly met to act  
on the several Particulars here after mentioned  
first to Choose a Moderator for y<sup>e</sup> Government of said meeting -  
2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will Proceed to build two meeting Houses -  
within said Town one of them to accomodate the body or north  
Easterly part of the Town and another to accomodate the  
South westerly part of the additional Grant and the names to  
be called into Labor under who Labor under what Distractions by  
Reason of their great distance from the Place of Publick  
of Publick worship  
3<sup>d</sup> To Conclude of what Figure or dimensions each meeting  
House shall be and how they shall be finished and when  
4<sup>th</sup> to vote where each meeting House shall be Set up or Stand  
5<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax or Rate for the building of said meeting  
Houses and how much of said Rate or Tax shall be applied to  
each meeting House for the building thereof and when paid  
and by what Invoices made -



- 6ly to Choose a Collector or Collectors for the Gathering of Said Taxes or Tax if need be
- 7ly To Choose a Committee or Committees to Set out Said House to workmen or to agree with some person or Persons to build Said — Said House and finish it Same

Lastly to See what Particular Good men will ~~grant~~ <sup>undertake</sup> to do so Good a work and make Return of this warrant, <sup>with</sup> your doings there in unto Deacon Josiah White one of the Select men of your Town at or before the time appointed for Said meeting here of for do not as you will answerit at your peril, Given under my hand and Seal at London this twentyth Day of January in the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign annoque domini 1741

Edward Hout-will Justice of y<sup>e</sup> Peace  
 Entered Per Josiah Wilder Clerk

Worcester 1<sup>st</sup> January y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1741 By vertue of the above written warrant I have summoned all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> time and Place there in Required to act on the Several particulars there in mentioned —

Baron Willard Constable of Lancaster  
 Entered Per Josiah Wilder Town Clerk

A Copy of y<sup>e</sup> Request on which the above Entered warrant was granted Lancaster 19<sup>th</sup> 1741

To the Select men of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster — Greeting Gentlemen we the Subscribers the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster whose names are here unto Subscribed humbly Request that you would call a meeting of Said Town as soon as you can with Convenience or that you would Put it in to y<sup>e</sup> next warrant for a Town Meeting that you shall call to Consider of and act upon our Request which is as followeth

- 1ly to See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Dispose to build two Meeting Houses in Said Town one of them to accommodate y<sup>e</sup> Body or north Easterly part of the Town — and a nother to accommodate y<sup>e</sup> South westerly part of the additional Grant and the mile so called who labor under Great Difficulties by Reason of their Great Distance from y<sup>e</sup> Place of Publick worship
- 2ly To Conclude of what Signes or diminution Each Meeting House shall be of and how they shall be finished and when
- 3ly to vote where Each Meeting House shall be set up or stand
- 4ly to Grant a ~~Rate~~ or Rate for the building of Said Houses and also to vote how much of Said Rate or Tax shall be applied to Each Meeting House for the building there off and when paid and by what Invoices made
- 5ly to Choose a Collector or Collectors for y<sup>e</sup> Gathering of Said Rate or Tax if need be



6 ly to Choos a Committee or Committee to Let out Said House to workmen or to a Tree with Sum Person or Persons to build Said House and finish it same

Left us to See what particular Court will Give Liberties to So Good an work  
Signed by Benzer Roman Benjamin Ballard and Sixty one others Inhab-  
tants and free holders of Lancaster Entered per Joseph Widew Town Clerk

Thursday January 29<sup>th</sup> 1745<sup>2</sup> The freeholders and other Inha-  
bitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to vote in Town-  
affairs Meet at the Meeting House in Said Town at Eleven of  
a Clock in the forenoon Pursuant to a warrant Granted by  
Edward Hartwill Esq. one of y<sup>e</sup> Justices of y<sup>e</sup> Peace for the County  
of Worcester - on the Complaint and at the Request of Ben-  
zer Roman and Benjamin Ballard in behalf of them selves &  
about Sixty other Inhabitants of Lancaster Directed to one  
of the Constables of Lancaster Requiring y<sup>e</sup> same, after the Reading  
Said warrant and the Constables Return there on, and the select  
men of Said Town had Presented and Read a List of voters with  
in Said Town then Called for votes for a Moderator which when  
they had Received and numbered, they declared that Samuel  
Willard Esq. was Chosen by a full vote

264 After Sum Debate on the affair the Moderator Put the Res-  
olution whether the Town will Pledge to build two Meeting Houses  
within Said Town one of them to accommodate the body or north  
easterly part of y<sup>e</sup> Town and another to accommodate the  
southwesterly part of the additional Grant and Mile. So Colled  
and it passed in the affirmative

364 The Question was Put wheither - the meeting House for the body  
of the Town should be fifty feet in Length and forty five  
feet in breadth and twenty five feet high or ~~thick~~, and that for  
the additional Grant and Mile should be forty eight feet in  
length and thirty eight feet in breadth and twenty two feet  
high, each of them to be well covered with boards and Shingles  
and Inclosed with boards covered with Plaster each Meeting  
House to have one Gallery a piece the in Sides to be Colled &  
Plastered overhead both on the Sides and over Head and well  
floored and well glazed, and to be built and finished with  
in two years and it passed in the affirmative

It was also voted that there should be good Pulpits and Com-  
municants Seats built in Said House but y<sup>e</sup> Perle was murthered &  
manner of building Said Seats is referred to be acted upon and  
determined in some other meeting at Said Town - 7 ly -



- 4<sup>th</sup> the Question was Put whether if meeting House to accommodate the Standing ~~Place~~ or north eastern part of if Town should stand or be set on the old meeting House Place near Mr. Harker of goods and it passed in the negative
- Then the Question was Put whether the aforesaid House should stand or be set on if near on the School House Hill as near the School House ~~Place~~ as may be with convenience in the most convenient place and it passed in the affirmative
- Then the Question was put whether the meeting House to be built to accommodate the south west part of if additional Grant and the mill should stand or be set near the Ridge Hill so called where the timber now lies and it passed in if affirmative
- 5<sup>th</sup> It was voted to grant a tax or assessment upon said Town of Six Hundred Pounds to wards building of said meeting House and that four Hundred <sup>Pounds</sup> should be improved to wards that building and finishing of if meeting House to be built to accommodate the body of the Town that is to be set on if School House Hill and two Hundred Pounds to be improved towards if building and finishing of if other House to be set near if Ridge Hill: and that the said Tax should be made by the said Invoice: that was taken
- 6<sup>th</sup> They voted to <sup>also</sup> ~~appoint~~ two Collectors to collect said money and the moderator called for votes and David Wilder and Oliver Moor was chosen
- 7<sup>th</sup> They voted to choose two Committees one for each meeting House — Each Committee to consist of three men to let out said meeting House to work men to build and finish them in the choicest and best manner that they can one Committee for if meeting House to be set on the School House Hill, and if other for the other meeting House to be set near the Ridge Hill and then the moderator called for votes for the Committee to let out the meeting House to be set on the School House Hill, and if <sup>and if necessary</sup> ~~and if necessary~~ <sup>called for money</sup> ~~called for money~~ Joseph and Capt John Bernit was chosen and then he called for votes for a Committee for the other meeting House to be set ~~at~~ near if Ridge Hill and Capt David Abner Joseph Moor and Ephraim Sawyer was chosen Samuel Willard Moderator
- The aforesaid Meeting entered by Joseph Willard Town Clerk



*Copy* To the free holders and other inhabitants the Town of  
Lancaster Qualified to vote in the (choyse of Town officers &c  
in His Majesties Name you are here by Required to <sup>meet at a</sup> meeting house  
in said Town on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> first day of March next at nine of 4<sup>th</sup>  
Clock in 4<sup>th</sup> morning then and there to chosse Select men for  
Stables and other Town officers Required by Law to be annually  
Chosen in the month of March Dated at Lancaster 6<sup>th</sup> Febr  
ary 4<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> anno domini 1744 and in the fiftieth year of his  
majesties Reign by order of 4<sup>th</sup> Select men of Lancaster  
Joseph Walker Town Clerk

at a Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> freeholders and other inhabitants of  
said Lancaster Qualified to vote in town affairs on 4<sup>th</sup> first -  
Monday of March 1744/2 on the aforesaid evening after the Read-  
ing of warrant the Select men produced and Read alitt of votes  
and there Called for votes for a moderator which when they  
had sorted and numbered they declared that Samuel Willson Esq was  
Chosen then the Select men Presented an account of their man-  
agement of the prudential affairs of 4<sup>th</sup> Town 4<sup>th</sup> year past 4<sup>th</sup>  
Copy of which is as followeth: Recd followeth an account of 4<sup>th</sup>  
Select men of Lancaster Managing the Prudential affairs of said  
Lancaster for 4<sup>th</sup> year 1741 to wit we have Recorded with Ezra  
Sawyer Town treasurer for 4<sup>th</sup> year 1740 - and find Ezra Sawyer  
hath Paid the Rev Mr John Drentice two Hundred and ten pounds  
we also find that the said Sawyer hath paid Mr Trost for  
Keeping of School Seventy Eight Pounds to go other with -  
forty Shillings that Deacon White paid said Mr Trost make  
his full Sum for 4<sup>th</sup> year 1741  
wee also find that the said Treasurer Sawyer hath paid  
Capt David Osgood twenty four Pounds which said Sawyer had  
an order from 4<sup>th</sup> Select men for 4<sup>th</sup> year 1740 we also find  
that 4<sup>th</sup> said Sawyer hath paid Benjamin Houghton Twenty  
shilling which he has an order from 4<sup>th</sup> aforesaid Select men  
for we find that said Sawyer Treasurer hath paid Joseph  
Glover three pounds for Sweeping 4<sup>th</sup> meeting House which  
we gave him order to do  
we also find that 4<sup>th</sup> said Treasurer Sawyer hath ordered  
Given him by the Select men for 4<sup>th</sup> year 1740 to pay Capt  
John Bennet 1-6-0 Benjamin Houghton 1-7-0 Capt Da-  
vid Osgood Eight Shilling and to pay Houghton 1-8-0  
for



for making the Rates and after ~~if~~ Said Treasurer Sawyer  
hath paid ~~if~~ aforesaid sums, he <sup>will</sup> ~~have~~ one pound two shillings &  
four pence in his hands, together with nine pounds and find in  
Deacon white's hands which was omitted Transferring off by  
Select men in the year 1740 to Treasurer Sawyer which said  
nine pounds we have committed to Sawyer with the aforesaid  
1-2-4 Making ten Pounds two and four pence, we have  
given order to Said Treasurer Sawyer to pay to Daniel Knight  
for the Discharging of Mackmurrys Rates - 2-6-6 and  
Robert Fletcher - we have also given order to Said Treasurer  
pay two pounds sixteen shillings for the Deficiency of Peter and  
Jonathan <sup>Howells</sup> ~~Widdows~~ Rates we have also given order to Said Treasurer  
Sawyer to pay Deacon white two pounds that he paid Mr. Frost  
and have also given order to Said Treasurer Sawyer to pay  
to ~~if~~ aforesaid three Pounds and pence which will be the  
whole of ~~if~~ money in his hand and there will be still due  
to ~~if~~ aforesaid 1-4-0 for ~~if~~ year 1741

We have also made a Town Rate for ~~if~~ Rev. Mr. John Pritchard  
and for ~~if~~ School and County of 90 Pounds two shillings now loan  
and have committed Lists with warrants to ~~if~~ Constables to Collect  
~~if~~ Same Constable Aaron Willard his part forty one pound nine shill  
in new loan Constable Horakiah Gates his part forty eight pounds thirteen  
shillings in new loan the one half of the aforesaid sums we  
have given order to the Constables to pay by ~~if~~ first day of January  
1741/2 and the other half by the first day of July 1742 unto  
Andrew Widder Town Treasurer and we have also given order to Andrew  
Widder Town Treasurer <sup>to Receive & pay</sup> to pay out the aforesaid sums as he shall  
hereafter Receive order

we have also made a Province Tax of thirty nine Pounds  
fifteen shillings and nine pence now loan and have also made  
inquiry about the money due from Bolton to Lancaster and  
find there is sixty four Pounds five shillings due from said Bolton to  
Lancaster, and have given Isaac Josiah White orders to Receive  
said money and pay ~~if~~ Same to Andrew Widder Treasurer  
we would Inform ~~if~~ Town that ~~if~~ Town and County and School  
are made ten pounds in new loan to small which Deficiency  
is to be made up out of the aforesaid Bolton money  
we have also taken a list of valuation according to  
the Direction of the General Court, about which there  
was



Seven days Spent by <sup>sick</sup> Joseph White & Sons three pounds ten  
by Colonel Oliver Wilder 15 days five pounds ten by  
Leut Israel Houghton six days three pounds by Capt  
William Richardson 7 days three pounds ten by Capt  
Hooker of good 15 days five pounds ten shilling in the  
whole Twenty one Pounds five shillings Joseph White

Oliver Wilder }  
William Richardson } Solves  
Hooker of good - } men at  
Lancaster

After a Reading of the Laws the moderator put the  
Question whether the Town will Choose five select men for  
the Present year and it passed in the affirmative.

Then <sup>the calling for</sup> ~~was~~ called for and Joseph Wilder and Samuel  
Willard Esqs Capt John Bennett Capt David of good & Leut Ephraim  
Lawson was Chosen

Then votes was called for a Town Clerk and Joseph Wilder Esq  
was Chosen

Then votes was called for a Constable on the South Side of  
away and Joseph Bennett was Chosen

Then on the north Side of Road and Andrew Wilder was Chosen

Then votes was called for a Town Treasurer and Benjamin Houghton  
Junior was Chosen

Then the Town Chose Jonathan Powers Abner Lowry  
Benjamin Rollard David Wilder John Prescott Jr Capt Willi-  
am Richardson John Remondin and Amos Knight Jr was  
Chosen for Surveyors of Highways

Then the Town Chose Joseph Wilder Jr and Ephraim  
Carter for new assessors

Then Benj Houghton Jr Ebenezer Remondin Jonathan Wilder  
John Snow and Jonathan Bigelow was Chosen for Drivers

The most of said assessors sworn on said day before Joseph Wilder Esq  
David Wilder sworn July 4<sup>th</sup> 1742 before Joseph Wilder Justice of the Peace to  
the office of a Collector to which he was Chosen January 1<sup>st</sup> 1741

After to July 4<sup>th</sup> 1742 Then a new man was sworn forth July  
to perform the duty of a Collector in the Town of Lancaster for which  
he was Chosen with Ebenezer Remondin according to the last at-  
his still in Judgment before me Samuel Willard Esq was 9<sup>th</sup>  
before Joseph Wilder Esq Clerk David Wilder sworn before Joseph Wilder  
before July 12<sup>th</sup> 1742



March 4<sup>th</sup> 1742 at a meeting wained according to Custom of  
hereafter the freeholders and other inhabitants of said Town qualified  
to vote in the choice of Town officers being met the select men Read  
a list of the voters and then called for votes for a moderator and  
and o

and then the select men gave an account of & management of the  
Prudential affairs of & Town for 4 years 1742 before these falling mee  
tings they made a Rate of £59 6s 4d for to be improved toward  
the Building two meeting Houses & Committed to the Collecto  
rs of & Town Lifts of the Same With power to Gather & Power to Gather  
and order to pay in the Same to Benjamin Houghton Town treasurer for  
said Town Viz to Oliver moor one of the Collectors Was Committed £312 2s 6d  
tenor to David Wilder the other of & Collectors 284 = 2 = 0 old tenor  
They also made a Rate in new tenor of seventy six pounds nine shillings & nine  
pence and Committed the Same to <sup>the</sup> Collectors With Warrants to Collect & order to pay  
in the Same to Benjamin Houghton Town treasurer one half by the first  
of January 1742 and the Other half by the first of July following  
They also Gave order to B Houghton to Receive the Same & to pay the  
Rev: m<sup>r</sup> Prentice £42 10s 6d in two Equal Payments on the Dates be  
fore mentioned And to the Committee for the Southwest meeting house the  
other £22 on the Same Dates to pay for Preaching Viz to - -  
Joseph Bennitt Constable the Sum of £38 15s 9d  
To Andrew Wilder Constable the Sum of 37 14s 0d  
They also made a Rate of of forty five Pounds  
Six shillings & Committed Lifts to the Constables With Power to Gather  
And Order to pay in the Same to Benjamin Houghton Treasurer by the  
first of February 1742 and Given him order to Rec<sup>e</sup> the Same and to pay  
out the Same as a <sup>part</sup> at the same time and the Rate Remained  
or as he shall Receive order We also made a town of 45 8s 0d Was Com  
mitted to Joseph Bennitts 222 = 7 = 0  
To Andrew Wilder 22 = 19 = 0

They also made a County Rate of £5 16s 11d and Committed it to  
Joseph Bennitt £18 15s With Power to Gather the Same  
And Order to pay the Same to Benjamin Houghton Esq or his free agent or his Can  
by Treasurer at or before the last day of April 1743  
They have also Reconciled With Andrew Wilder Town treasurer for the years 1741  
& find that he had Committed to him when Brought in to Old tenor 270 = 8  
& that he was to Receive of Deacon Josiah White sixty pounds but heith Rec<sup>d</sup>  
but 34 and the Rep Remains in D White's hands Seven teen Pounds he has  
th Left in their hands at Bolton being there due for what they over paid in  
The County tax there Remains 20 Pounds in D White's hands We find  
that the select men Gave order for Call Will and to Gather  
Receive of the Province Treasurer the Overplus of the County Rate  
and to pay it in to Andrew Wilder and that he hath paid him this by  
Pounds they find also that Andrew Wilder hath paid m<sup>r</sup> Prentice  
out of & money two hundred and ten Pounds and to m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Frost  
for keeping Chod Agreeable to his order six ty pounds  
and in Other Orders Drawn on him by the select men 41 = 14  
The County Rate 10 = 0 = 0  
321 = 14 = 9  
Joseph Wilder Select  
Samuel Walcott  
John Bennitt



The account of the Select men for the year 1743 They made  
 A down Rate of thirty two Pounds nine shillings And Committed it  
 to John Beman Constable to Collect With Power to do & order to Pay  
 the Same By the Last of march: 1744: To Edward Phelps, Town Treasurer  
 They have also Sately Desired Said Treasurer to Recieve the Same and  
 Pay it out as he shall Recieve order from the Select men, for the time being  
 the Grant Where of was made twenty Pounds for the support of the School  
 seven pounds ten shillings towards the Building three School Houses & the  
 Remainder for a stock for to pay for Wolves: &c. or other Town Charges as the  
 Town or Select men shall order they have all made a County Rate of  
 five Pounds sixteen shillings and Eleven pence and Committed it to John Be-  
 an Constable With Power to Collect the Same & order to Pay in the Same to  
 Benjamin Flagg Esq<sup>r</sup> County Treasurer or his successor in said office at or be-  
 fore the Last Day of April 1744: they have also made a highway Re-  
 of twenty five Pounds but have not Committed the List to the Surveyors  
 for the said year the Season of Working being past they also filled up a  
 Bill for: Wolves & Cats & Bares & Cattermounts to Viz five Wolves one Bar  
 one Wildcat for Ezra Sawyer Philip Bemas one Bare John Beman one  
 Cattermount Joseph Bennitt two Wolves made up the said Bill about the  
 Beginning of march: 1743/4 and also a bill for Squirrels & Blackbirds to  
 August 1743: which were put in to the hand of Joseph Wilder  
 they have also so far Recoued with Benjamin Houghton Treasurer as to take an  
 account of the order <sup>drawn</sup> upon him by the Select men and find the order to amou-  
 unt to one pound six shillings and two pence new tenor more then the min-  
 ister Rate and the Town Rate amount to a Great Part of the orders are an sw-  
 erred As appears by the Indorsements & Receipts But not all there is still Due  
 The ~~town~~ Recd m<sup>r</sup> Prentice twenty eight <sup>five</sup> shillings and tenor the more Part  
 Ear accounts of said Treasurer Houghtons orders are here With trans mitted  
 A bird bill of twenty eight Pounds old tenor Committed to him here omitted they  
 also gave order to Let the widow Willard <sup>have</sup> a pair of shoes & the widow Wood be-  
 two bushels of Corn and Matthew Wyman two Bushels of Corn out of Benja-  
 min Os goods fine for not serving Constable Now in John Bennitts hand  
 Next follows the Debt Due from the Town not as yet Paid Nor any order Given for  
 them to m<sup>r</sup> Abigail Wilder for Keeping Yang Kileam from the seven teen  
 February 1742/3 to the seven tenth of of May 1744 being sixty five Wee-  
 att two Shillings a Week amounting to Six pound ten shillings & for Clo-  
 hing for him that time one pound six shillings  
 To the Assessors one pound nine shilling and two pence for Eight Days &  
 a half Service and for one Warrant Viz To Col Willard 4 Days - 0 - 6 - 0

To John Bennitt 4 Days 2 = 0 = 6 = - 9  
 To David Os good 2 Days - 0 = 3 = 0  
 To Ephraim Sawyer's Day - 0 = 1 = 6  
 To Joseph Wilder 7 Days - 0 - 10 - 6  
 To two Warrants Eight pence per Wee. 0 = 1 = 4  
 To half a hure of Paper - - 0 = 0 = 9

Joseph Wilder } Select  
 Coll Willard } men  
 John Bennitt }  
 Dates the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of May anno domini 1744  
 Entered Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk for Lancaster  
 the orders Drawn on Benjamin Houghton Treasurer of 1/2 one  
 are now cleared for we are







Last by a Question was Put whether a Town will Remove a  
Bridge at a Score down to the Road that Leads from East Sawyer to Locky  
Duns Moors and Set it up there in the most convenient place and Repair  
it in Repair at a Towns Charges and it passed in the affirmative -

Entered a Joseph Wilder Town Clerk for Lancaster -  
and then a Select men agreed a meeting for a Representative,  
and Read a Precept and Called for votes for a Representative -  
and haveing first votes to send one and no more - and when they had  
numbered a votes a found that Colonel Samuel Willard was Chosen -

Joseph Wilder Clerk -

August a 10<sup>th</sup> 1742 at a meeting of a freeholders and  
other Inhabitants of Lancaster - August a 10<sup>th</sup> 1742 Legally as  
sembled first made choice of Colonel Samuel Willard  
moderator and then a Selectmen offered a list of free  
men to a Town out of which the Town Selected a  
one number for a Supervisor - four and Excepted the others who  
was put in to a Box. Entered a Joseph Wilder Town Clerk

March a 7<sup>th</sup> 1742 at a Meeting of a freeholders and other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster - Qualified to vote in -  
Town affairs being Legally assembled on duoworning Given  
according to a ancient Custom of said Town after the Select  
men had Disposed and Read a List of votes they Called for  
votes for a moderator and Samuel Willard Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chosen -  
who put the Question whether the Town would Chose five Select  
men and it Passed in the affirmative. Then the moderator Called  
for five Selectmen and Joseph Wilder and Samuel Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Capt John Bennitt Capt David apocoe Lev<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Sawyer was  
Chosen Selectmen. Then a moderator Called for votes for a Town  
Clerk and Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> was Chosen then he Called for votes  
for two Constables and Ezra Sawyer and John Corlor was  
Chosen Constables who hired John Roman to serve for them on  
the Towne Except him by a vote. Then votes was Called for a  
Town Treasurer and Mr Edward Phelps was Chosen, Town Justice  
Then manasa Divol amos Knight ju Herakiah Gaty Borahel  
Sawyer David Jewet Josiah Richardson and Nathaniel Sawyer  
was Chosen surveyors of Highways. Then amos Sawyer was Chosen  
Sealer of Leather, and Mr Daniel Knight and Jonathan Booby  
was Chosen Tythingmen. Nathaniel Sawyer ju  
was Chosen Towne voters



Rezabel Sawyer and John Wornor was Cholon Drapers of Dor-  
James Ross John Bowes and Josiah Sawyers was Cholon Goldsmiths  
Then a Question was Put whether the Town will fire <sup>if</sup> woods this  
year and it voted in the negative. Then Jonathan Thairbuck and  
Thimothas Willard was Cholon to prosecute such as should set fire  
Country to Law and then a meeting was ajorned to a third Monday  
of May next to ten of a Clock in the fore noon

Wherefore To John Boman Constable of Lancaster  
In His majesties name you are hereby Required to warn the free-  
holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to  
to vote in Town affairs to meet at a meeting House in said  
Town on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of this Instant May at nine of the Clock  
in the morning there and there to Consider of and act upon y<sup>e</sup>  
Several things here after named to wit on y<sup>e</sup> <sup>petition</sup> of Hezekiah  
Hales and others which is to see <sup>whether</sup> the Town will buy one or more  
School Houses, and if so to grant a Tax for y<sup>e</sup> same, and to vote  
and do Every thing necessary to there being finished and that one of  
them be set near Amos Sawyers on the Road that Leads from one  
Precinct meeting House to y<sup>e</sup> other or where it shall be most  
Convenient

2 Also the Request of Joshua Houghton and others to see  
if y<sup>e</sup> Town will free them from the Tall meeting Rate made  
for y<sup>e</sup> minister and the meeting House  
as also to see how y<sup>e</sup> Town will Dispose of y<sup>e</sup> old meeting House  
as also to see what is necessary to be done in Repairing Streets  
and whether it will not be necessary to buy a new Town and Stocks  
and to Raise money there for  
as also to see if the Town will Give Leave to Nathaniel Wm  
on to Setup a malt House on y<sup>e</sup> Edge of y<sup>e</sup> Townway that Leads to  
Pensin over a Grinell his House

also to Grant a Tax for y<sup>e</sup> Support of a School for y<sup>e</sup> year Ending  
you are alike Required to warn y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabita-  
nts Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Representative to meet  
at the time and Place above said There and there to Elect and  
Depute one or more Persons being freeholders and Resident in y<sup>e</sup>  
Town to Serve for and Represent them in the Great and General  
Court or assembly appointed to be convened hold and Kept at y<sup>e</sup>  
Court House in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty fifth Day of May Curr-  
ant at nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in the Morning and so from time to time  
Dated y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> Day of May anno domini 1743 and in y<sup>e</sup> Sixteenth year  
of his majesties Reign and make due Return Joseph Willard  
David Elgood John Bonnit Samuel Willard Sec. Town of Lan-



Whereafter to Inobedience to the within Warrant I have  
warned the free holders and other Inhabitants of Said Lancaster  
Qualified to vote in Town affairs As also those Qualified to vote  
for Town a Representative to meet at the time and Place with  
in Directed to act on the Particulars there in mentioned —  
John Boman Constable for Lancaster

- May the 20<sup>th</sup> 1743 at a meeting of the free holders and  
other Inhabitants of Lancaster Qualified to vote in Town a  
fair on Legal Warning met at a meeting house in Said Town  
1 made Choice of Doct<sup>r</sup> Josiah White for a Moderator —  
2 they voted to build three School Houses — — —  
3 voted to Set one School house in the Parting of y<sup>e</sup> Paths by and by  
4 voted to Set one School house on y<sup>e</sup> rock at y<sup>e</sup> Parting of the paths in y<sup>e</sup> Corner  
of Capt John Bennetts fence — — —  
5 voted to Set y<sup>e</sup> other School house in in the west Precinct about  
twenty Rods westerly of Said Precinct Meeting House — — —  
6 voted to build y<sup>e</sup> School House twenty four foot in length and  
Eighteen feet in breadth and seven feet betwixt Joynets —  
7 Granted a Tax of thirty Pounds or more to build Said Houses  
ten to Each School House — — —  
8 voted to Choose three Committees one for Each School house to see  
them built, and to order y<sup>e</sup> same and Chose Capt Bennet  
Ebenezer Boman and Doct<sup>r</sup> Houghton for y<sup>e</sup> north School house  
9 Capt Richardson Horakiah Gates and Joshua Fairbanks for  
the middle School house  
10 Capt David of Good Ephraim Sawyer and Samuel Sawyer for  
the School house in the South west Precinct  
11 voted to pull down y<sup>e</sup> old meeting house in Convenient Season  
12 voted that the Committees Pull of y<sup>e</sup> Labor and nails of y<sup>e</sup> old  
meeting house and divide them betwixt y<sup>e</sup> Precincts according to y<sup>e</sup> proportion  
13 that the three Committees for y<sup>e</sup> School Houses Pull down the old  
meeting house in Convenient Season and improve the materials  
for y<sup>e</sup> building y<sup>e</sup> School houses that are fit there for and to dispose  
of y<sup>e</sup> Rest for y<sup>e</sup> Towns use  
14 voted to Choose seven men for a Committee to Say when the  
Said meeting house should be pulled down  
15 They Chose Collo<sup>l</sup> Elders Doct<sup>r</sup> White Capt Bennet Capt Rich<sup>d</sup>  
Solomon and com<sup>l</sup> Ebenezer Boman & Capt Welder to be y<sup>e</sup> Committee



17 They voted to free Joshua Houghton Jonathan Ball Nathaniel Gorton  
Phineas How and Simon Steen from their Rates for building & maintaining  
and then they voted to give it under Mr John Prentiss of old School  
house for a Stable after the floors benches and Chimney was taken out  
18 Granted twenty Pounds for & Support of a School  
19 They granted Twenty five Pounds to Repair if wants at 1-6<sup>th</sup> day  
till the last of September and after that is paid day, nine pence a year of open  
and 3 a last day and that seven shillings to be appropriated  
to the bridges six pounds to Lawyers Bridges Entire & Joseph Wilder paid  
March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1743<sup>1/4</sup> At a meeting of the free Holders and  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Called to  
Vote in Town Affairs being Legally Assembled according  
to the Ancient Custom of <sup>met at the meeting house in Town</sup> Town After the Select men had  
Produced & Read a list of Voters they Called for Votes for a  
Moderator And Dea Josiah White was Chosen then it was  
Put to a Vote to see whether the Town would Chuse five select  
men And it passed in the affirmative then the Moderator  
Called for votes for five select men And Col Oliver Wilder  
Ct William Richardson Jonathan, Osgood Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>  
& Oliver Moor was Chosen then the Moderator Called for votes  
for a Town Clerk And Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen then the  
then the Moderator Called for votes for two Constables and  
Fairbank & John Joslin was chosen who hired John White  
to serve in their Rome And the Town Excepted him by a  
Vote then the Moderator Called for votes for a Town treasurer  
And Dea Hooker Osgood was chosen then the Moderator  
Put it to a Vote to see if the Town would Chuse two  
Collectors to Gather the Rates of the Highway Rates  
if there should be any Not Workt out and it Passed in  
the affirmative then the Moderator Called for votes for  
two Collectors And Ebenezer Beman & James Wilder was  
Chosen then Daniel Knight & Jonas Fairbanks was Chosen  
Then men then Chose Amos Sawyer Sealer of Leather  
then Chose Jonas Fairbank And Jeremiah Haskle fence viewer  
then John Carter & John Fletcher <sup>was chosen</sup> Drivers then Chose  
Edward Robbins Surveyor of Labors & Wages



Then Chose Mr John Bennett and Mr Joseph House  
To prosecute those that selfins and lawfully  
Jonathan Kincal Heseiah Gates Nathaniel Sawyer  
Thomas Sawyer & Manasseh Divoul Waschosen Surveyor of  
Highways - Berael <sup>Sawyer</sup> and David Nelson was chose ~~Surveyor of the~~  
~~Wife~~ Benjamin Ballard & Benjamin ~~Osgood~~ Was chosen Preserver  
of Deer The most of said Officers Sworn on 15 Day before Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Esq  
then the Warrent Was Read By the Constable For to Chuse a Grand  
Jury man for the Year in Suing and the Votes Was called for and  
Joseph Bennett Was chosen Upon the meeting Was adjourned to the  
twenty<sup>th</sup> of May next in Suing at twelve of the Clock Joseph  
White Moderator Entered ~~Joseph~~ Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

Now follows a copy of the Warrent by Which the a bow meeting  
Was Warned, <sup>or notified</sup> To the free holders & other inhabitants of Lancaster Qualifi-  
ed to Vote in town affairs these are to Give you notice that there have  
bin Divers Private waies Laid out of Late in the Town Which is to be heard by  
you at your next <sup>meeting</sup> which will be on the first Monday of 15  
March at nine of the Clock for your Exceptance & Order of the select  
men

Joseph Wilder Clerk

### A Copy of A Warrent

Worcester ss. To John White Constable of Lancaster In His  
Majesties name You are here by Required to Warn Joseph Cook that  
He with His Wife and Children ~~forth~~ With Depart out of the Town  
of Lancaster & make Return of this Warrent & your Dungs therein  
To some one of us at or before the 21 of May Corrent Dated at Lancaster  
May 4<sup>th</sup> 1744 Anno domini 1744 & in the 17 Year of his majesties ~~Reign~~  
Entered J. Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk <sup>William Richardson</sup> <sup>Oliver Wilder</sup>

Worcester ss. To John White Constable for Lancaster Greelings  
In His majesties name You are here by Required to Warn all the free holders & o-  
ther inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs  
To meet at the New meeting House in the Town on the next Monday  
the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of May Corrent at nine of the Clock to Consider of Conclu-  
And Act on the Particulars here after mentioned Which are as follows  
1 To chuse a moderator 2 ly to Grant a tax for the Chool & to Defray the  
Charges thirdly to see if the Town Will Repay John Moor & Hagb me  
the money they Paid to the Building the meeting Houses in Lancaster  
4 ly to see if the Town Will Vote that Rates all Reddy made by the Last year  
Select men be Assigned to the Surveyor of Highways this Year Chosen &  
that they order them Workt out  
5 ly to see What the Town Will Do referring to A Request of of Ephraim Wilder  
and others Which is to see if the Town Will Chose a Committee to Exam in the  
business of furback as they Town shall Give or they & that A Committee Give  
Account to the Town or select men that We may know how the Dept &  
Credit stands

You are all so alike Required to Warn all the free Holders & other in-  
habitants of the Town of Lancaster Who have a free hold of Land, or  
in this Province of forty shilling, Per annum <sup>at least</sup> or other Estate to the  
Value of fifty Pounds sterling



To meet at time and Place fore mentioned then and there to Elect ~~and~~  
One or more Persons to <sup>Represent</sup> them at a great & General Court or as-  
sembly Appointed to be Convened held And kept for his majesties ser-  
vice At the Court House in Boston on Wednesday of May <sup>the thirtieth</sup> Current & so from  
Time to time And make due Return of this Warrant And your doings here  
In to some one of the one over at least before <sup>the</sup> Time

Worcestershire: By a Justice of the Peace in Warrant <sup>May 21: 1744</sup> Oliver Wilder  
I have Warranted all the free Holders & <sup>William Richardson</sup> <sup>Joseph Wilder Junr</sup> <sup>Jonathan Osgood</sup> Select  
other Inhabitants of sd Lancaster to meet at time & Place as with-  
in Directed - - - - - John White Constable of Lancaster

The Free Holder & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
Qualified to vote in Town affairs & for choice of Representatives  
being meet According to the Warrant before mentioned - - -

Which being by the select men Read Vote for a Moderator was  
Cal for & Deacon White was chosen then the Moderator put it to  
A Vote to see if the Town would Grant a tax of fifteen Pounds  
Newtenor to support the school for the Year ensuing And it Passed  
in the Affirmative Voted A tax of Seven pounds <sup>ten shillings</sup> <sup>to be</sup>  
Voted A tax of seven <sup>teen</sup> Pounds <sup>ten shillings</sup> Newtenor to Provide Am-  
munition for said Town then the Moderator put it to A Vote to see  
if the Town would Grant a tax of Seven pounds ten shillings New-  
tenor to finish the School Houses in said Town & it Passed in the nega-  
tive then the Moderator then the Moderator Put it to A Vote to  
see if the Town would free John Moor & Hugh Moor of their  
Rates to the meeting House in Lancaster & it Passed in the Neg-  
ative then the Moderator put it to a vote to see if the Town be gruable  
to the Request of Ephraim Wilder Junr <sup>or others</sup> would Chuse a committee  
to Examine the ~~the~~ Treasurers as in sd Request & it Passed in the negative  
then the Moderator Put it to a vote to see if the Town would Grant  
A tax of Seven pounds ten shillings Newtenor for to Defray town  
Charge the Year ensuing And it Passed in the Affirmative, the Town  
affairs being finished the select men called for votes for a Represen-  
tative Which Votes was brought & after they was sorted and divided  
It was Declared that Captain Ephraim <sup>Wilder</sup> was chosen Representative for  
the Year ensuing - Entered J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder Junr Town Clerk



Lancaster March 4<sup>th</sup> 1744/5 these Certifies Whome it may  
Concern, that M<sup>r</sup> Andrew Wilder Treasurers & M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin  
Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> also Treasurers for y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster have  
Paid (Each of them) 210: pounds at tenor for those years in which  
they were ordered by the <sup>Town</sup> to Pay the said Sums  
the above is a true Copy: Entered — Attest John Prentice

J<sup>s</sup> Wilder ~~Wilder~~ Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk —



Now Follows an account of the Order Drawn on Mr Benjamin Houghton, Jun<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for Lancaster in the year 1742.

Lancaster February 4<sup>th</sup> 1742.

You are Here-By Required to Receive of Joseph Bennitt, one of the Constables of Lancaster for 5<sup>th</sup> year the <sup>sum of</sup> 39-15-9 Which he is Ordered to Pay unto you one half on the first Day of January-1742: <sup>the other half</sup> the first Day of July: 1743- You are also to Receive of y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Bennitt, twenty two Pounds & Seven Shillings Which he is Ordered to Pay to you by the first of February 1742:

You are alike Required to Receive of Andrew Wilder the other Constable the sum of thirty seven Pounds fourteen shillings Which he is Ordered to Pay to you one half by the first of January: 1742 And the Other half by the first of July 1743. you are also Obliged to Receive twenty two Pounds Nineteen shillings Which he is Obliged to Pay to you by y<sup>e</sup> first of February: 1742 = 121-15-9

Out of Which Sums you are alike Required to Pay to the Rev<sup>d</sup> John Prentice twenty six Pounds five shillings on y<sup>e</sup> first of January And twenty six Pounds five shillings on the first of July above said = 52-10-0

you are also Obliged to Pay to the South West Prentice or order twenty five Pounds = 25-0-0

You are alike Required to Pay to the Assessors for y<sup>e</sup> year forty one for taking the Valuation and twenty four shillings five Pounds twelve & threepence to Deacon White 7 Days 17-5

Coll: Wilder 11 Days 1-3-6 to Deacon Houghton 5 Days 1 & a half 10-3: Cap<sup>t</sup> Richardson 7 Days 11-5 Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooker Or good for 11 Days 1-7-0 And for making Rates 1-10-3

To 4<sup>th</sup> Assessors for y<sup>e</sup> year 1742 To Joseph Wilder 1-10-3

To Colonel Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard 0-12-9

To John Bennitt 0-14-3

To Ephraim Sawyer 0-4-0

To David Orgood 6-4-0

you are alike Required to Pay for Answering the Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder & others to Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard

sums for measuring and Plan 1-2-6 to Joseph Wilder for assisting him in the Survey 14-0-0 to Joseph Wilder for

Making the Answer & measuring 5 shillings to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Bennitt as chain Man and Survey Down 11-8 to Cap<sup>t</sup> David Orgood to a Survey Down 15-6

Coll: Willard as Chain man four & sixpence to Abijah Wyman 4-6 to me as scribe twelve shillings



To m<sup>rs</sup>. Abigail Wilder for Keeping young  
 Saml<sup>e</sup> Killum from the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1742<sup>1742</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of febr<sup>y</sup>  
 following 13 Weeks at 2 pr Week ——— £ 4 = 0 = 0  
 And for Clothing ——— 0 = 15 = 0  
 To Joseph Wilder for Keeping Bay 3 week before 0 = 00 = 0  
 To Joseph Gleiser for Sweeping of meeting house 1742 = 0 = 2  
 To Joseph Gleiser for Sweeping of meeting house 1742 = 0 = 3 = 9  
 To Daniel Knight three shillings & three pence ——— 1 = 13 = 1  
 To Joseph Whitcomb for Plow ——— 0 18 = 0  
 To Andrew Wilder Ditto ———  
 And the Remainders you are to Pay as you shall Receive or do.  
 Lancaster Feb<sup>y</sup> 21 - 1742. 93 = 15 = 0  
 23 = 0 = 9

Joseph Wilder  
 John Bonmitt } Select men of  
 Saml<sup>e</sup> Willard } Lancaster  
 David Orgood }

Since by Ord<sup>r</sup> Under the Select mens Hands  
 To m<sup>r</sup>. Browne August 4<sup>th</sup> 1743 ——— £ 18 = 15 = 0 Old  
 To m<sup>r</sup>. Stephen Fost August the 15<sup>th</sup> 1743 = 25 = 0 — 0 Old to  
 To m<sup>r</sup>. Stephen Fost Novem<sup>r</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> 1743 = 25 = 0 — 0 Old to  
 To m<sup>r</sup>. Stephen Fost Febr<sup>y</sup> the 10<sup>th</sup> 1743 = 25 = 0 — 0 Old to  
 To Andrew Wilder three Pounds for Pop<sup>l</sup> tolls  
 And Matthew Wyman Rates Feb<sup>y</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1743 = 3 = 0 — 0 Old to  
 To Joseph Gleiser Novem<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1743 ——— 2 = 12 = 3 Old to

To Benjamin Houghton, Town Treasurer of Lancaster } John Bonmitt } Select  
 for there are to Direct you to Receive of the Collectors Chosen to } man,  
 Collect the meeting House Rate in Lancaster the Sum of  
 Five Hundred and ninety six Pounds four shillings & four pence  
 with Who are Obliges to Pay it to you by their Warrants some  
 time since in Oldenor Viz: of Oliver Moor Collector the  
 Sum of three Hundred ——— and twelve Pounds two  
 shillings & four pence Oldenor And of David Wilder Collector the Sum of  
 Two Hundred and Eighty four Pounds two shillings Oldenor  
 And to Pay out the same Affoloveth Viz to David Orgood Esq<sup>r</sup> Ex<sup>r</sup> of  
 Lawy<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Moor Committee for the <sup>South</sup> West meeting House  
 in Town One Hundred & ninety eight Pounds seventeen shillings & eight pence  
 or their order in Oldenor And to Benjamin Ballard or his order  
 three Hundred and thirty Pounds Oldenor ———



And to Joseph Wilder Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard And John Bennitt  
Committee Sixty four Pounds Nine shillings and four pence  
Dated at Lancaster, Novem<sup>r</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> 1742 =

Signed — — — — — Joseph Wilder } Select  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard } men  
John Bennitt } of  
David Osgood } Lancaster

May the 20<sup>th</sup> - 1743 Pleas to Discharge  
Oliver Moor twelve Pounds ten shillings & seven pence Old tenor  
being the Rates of Simon Stone Daniel Stone Daniel Bridg  
be Nathanael C. Haffers Joshua Houghton & Shirehas How.  
Signed by four select men

To Co. Willard Novem<sup>r</sup> the 22 - 1743 = 7 - 10 - 0 = Old tenor  
Signed Joseph Wilder John Bennitt  
Novem<sup>r</sup> the 22<sup>nd</sup> 1742 to David Wilder £ 4 - 10 - 2 old tenor  
to Henry Haske ten shillings — 0 10 = 0 Old tenor  
To Jonathan Kendal two & two pence — 0 02 = 2 Old tenor  
To John Dakin One pound ten shillings — 1 - 10 - 0 Old tenor

Novem<sup>r</sup> the 22: 1743 Discount with David Wilder seven  
Pounds three shillings & four pence for the Rates of Johnson  
None before Scott & Nicholls Rates signed

David Osgood } Select  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard } men  
John Bennitt }



To the Free Holders & Other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster  
Qualified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of Town Officers Greeting. — — —  
In His Majesties Name you are Required to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting h<sup>se</sup>  
in the first Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
Next at nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then & there to Chooze  
Select men Constables & Other Town Officers Required by Law  
to be Annually Chosen in the month of March & where as there  
Haith bin several Private Ways laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Select men in y<sup>e</sup>  
Town y<sup>e</sup> year Past these are to Give you Notice y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Ways will  
Laid before you at s<sup>d</sup> meeting for your Excepttance. — — —  
Dated at Lancaster February y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1744/5 & in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of His  
majesties Reign.  
By Order of y<sup>e</sup> Select men of Lancaster Jos Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk  
The aboves<sup>d</sup> Entered pr: Jos Wilder Town Clerk — — —

- At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & Other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choyce of town  
Officers on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> of March: at nine of the Clock in the morning  
Agreeable to the a Bane Warrent or Notification, — — —
- 1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Dea: Iopah White moderator then the Law  
Was Read before the Town — — —
  - 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted Was Called for five Select men & Dea Hooker Or good  
Capt William Richard Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Oliver Moor &  
John Snow Was Chosen Select men — — —
  - 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk — — —
  - 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Jacob Kilburn Constable for those that  
lives on the South side of y<sup>e</sup> Way that Leads to Waregemet  
by Whitcombs & Snows — — —
  - 4<sup>ly</sup> Chose John White Constable for the North Part of the  
Town on the North side of s<sup>d</sup> Way — — —
  - 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Dea Hooker Or good Town Treasurer y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel Knight & Thomas Burpee Was Chosen Gytting men  
Dea Israel Haughton Benjamin Haughton Jun<sup>r</sup> on nar  
an Fair bank David Sewet Jacob Fowler Oliver Wilder  
Surveyors of Highways — — —  
Jonn Lock & Heresiah Whitcomb Was Chose Jemie Vawer  
John Phillops & ~~Jonathan Regalow~~ <sup>James Haughton</sup> & Nathan Rugg Was  
Chosen field Drivers — — —  
Jonathan Powery & John Prescott Was Chosen Preservers of s<sup>d</sup>  
John Carter Was Chosen Seler of Leather — — —  
Benjamin Ballard Was Chosen Surveyor of Clebords & Purge



the gown voted <sup>that they would not fire of wood this year</sup>  
The Officers before mentioned all sworn But y<sup>e</sup> Clerk  
on s<sup>d</sup> Day before Oliver Wilder Esqr  
Now follows an account of the Select men for their manner  
ing the Prudentials of y<sup>e</sup> Town for the year 1744  
They Have made a Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Province of  $\text{£} 161 = 15 = 4$   
Also a Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Town & County —  $48 = 15 = 4$   
And have Committed Lifts there of to John White Constable  
of s<sup>d</sup> Town & Warrent to Collect y<sup>e</sup> a fore s<sup>d</sup> Sum of  $48 = 15 = 4$   
And Order to Pay in y<sup>e</sup> County Rate Which is —  $8 = 15 = 4$   
to Cap<sup>t</sup> Danael Heywood County Treasurer or His Successor in  
s<sup>d</sup> Office at or before y<sup>e</sup> Last Day of April. next ensuing  
Wee Have Also Given Order to s<sup>d</sup> Constable. White. to Pay y<sup>e</sup>  
Sum of forty Pounds to Dea Hooker Or good Treasurer for s<sup>d</sup> Town  
By y<sup>e</sup> Last of February Next y<sup>e</sup> Grants of which was fifteen Pounds  
for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School for y<sup>e</sup> year 1744:  $\text{£} 17 = 10$  for to buy  
Ammunition for a town stock & Seven pounds ten Shillings  
to Defray town Charges & have Given s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer Or good  
Power to Receive the Same & Order to Pay it out as he shall  
Receive Orders from y<sup>e</sup> Select men they Have Also Given s<sup>d</sup>  
Treasurer Or good Order to Receive four Pounds of Dea Joseph  
White <sup>Remainder of Or good money</sup> & to Pay out y<sup>e</sup> Same as he shall Receive orders from  
the Select men they have Also made a Rate of twenty five  
Pounds Granted to be worked out in the Highways in y<sup>e</sup> year  
1743: And have Committed Lifts there of to the Surveyors <sup>Children</sup> this year  
& have Given them Order to see them worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Highways  
of s<sup>d</sup> town. Wee have also Bound out William Killam to m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer  
Beman & have Given and Taken Indentures & have also Given  
s<sup>d</sup> Beman One Pound one Shilling & three pence for Clothings  
Boy: Wee have also Received With Edward Phelps Town Treasurer  
for y<sup>e</sup> year 1743: I find that He was to Receive thirty two Pounds  
nine Shillings & that he hath Paid to Col<sup>d</sup> Wilder thirteen Pounds  
fifteen Shillings of the School money to buy Ammunition but there  
being no ammunition then to be bought s<sup>d</sup> Wilder by Order of y<sup>e</sup> Select  
men hath Payd m<sup>r</sup> Peter Frie thirteen Pound nine Shillings & pence  
for Keeping School to gether with five & six pence s<sup>d</sup> Wilder Payd  
Sherebiah Ballard for him self & Horse to and ivor to Companies  
m<sup>r</sup> Frie up: Which makes up the whole of y<sup>e</sup>  $\text{£} 13 = 15 = \text{Re}$  by Col<sup>d</sup> Wilder  
Wee have Given Order to s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer Phelps to pay the apertors for making Rates  
for y<sup>e</sup> year 1743 One Pound nine & ten pence: Also we find that  
Treasurer Phelps hath Payd m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Frost for Keeping School  
in y<sup>e</sup> year 1743/4:  $\text{£} 6 = 5 = \text{Shillings}$  And we have Given s<sup>d</sup> Phelps  
order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Abigail Wilder  $4 = 17 = 11$  for Keeping the  
Killam Boy Wee have Given order to s<sup>d</sup> Phelps to <sup>any m<sup>r</sup></sup> Sherebiah  
Gates  $\text{£} 2 = 10$  for the Build <sup>ing</sup> the School House by m<sup>r</sup> Amos  
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Wee have also Given Said Treasurer Phelps Order to  
Pay Cap John Bennitt £: 10: For the School House on the Neck  
Wee have also Given S Phelps Order to Pay to m<sup>r</sup> Ebereser  
Beeman for Clothing Sam<sup>l</sup> Hillum £: 1: 3 all of S Orders  
Amounting to £32: 9: Which was the Whole of what he was to  
to Receive - - - - -

Now follows an account of y<sup>e</sup> Order we have Drawn upon  
Dea: Hooker Osgood: Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1744

To Pay to m<sup>r</sup> Peter Fair £1-10-0

To pay to m<sup>r</sup> Abigail Wilder

in full for keeping y<sup>e</sup> Hillum boy 2-18-1

To: Deacon Haughton for Planks ——— 0-9-9

To - Nathanael Sawyer for Planks ——— 0-9-0

To Nathanael Hutson for making y<sup>e</sup> Stocks ——— 0-4-0

To: Sen<sup>r</sup> Bezalel Sawyer for Plank and for wood 0-14-0

for the widow Woodbury ——— 0-1-9

To Nathanael Hutson for mending y<sup>e</sup> Pound ——— 0-2-0

To Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood for the Chool House in June 2-10-0

To Dea While Eleven shillings five shillings he paid Cap<sup>t</sup> 0-10-0

Benjamin Atherton <sup>for y<sup>e</sup> said</sup> six shillings for Part of ten (Keep in y<sup>e</sup> fch  
shillings & White Pay<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Stephen Croft of his own money for

To Daniel Knight ten shillings he Overpaid in his Re coming

When he Was Constable ——— 0-10-0

To Joseph Wheelock five shillings for a Wilcat that  
He gave in And Never Rec<sup>d</sup> his Bounty ——— 0-5-0

And When S Treasurer Osgood Haith Paid all these

Orders & the Seventeen Pounds to buy Ammunition  
there will be twelve Pounds two shillings and five  
Pence in his Hands - - - - -

Col<sup>l</sup> Wilder hath Rec<sup>d</sup> ten shillings the Remainder  
of Benjamin Osgood's fine for not Serving Constable  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Bennitts to Pay for meat & meal and beer  
for the select men a Gravel to Set y<sup>e</sup> Widow Woodbury

Have Amounting to Seven & Sixpence to Leather with  
two & Sixpence <sup>to y<sup>e</sup> said</sup> Paid to Col<sup>l</sup> Chandler the whole of y<sup>e</sup> 10

Now follows an account of y<sup>e</sup> Depts Des from the Town that there  
~~there~~ is no orders given for the payment of to y<sup>e</sup> assessors for making  
Rates for y<sup>e</sup> year 1744 to Col<sup>l</sup> Wilder for 4 Days 2-0-6-9.

To Cap<sup>t</sup> Richardson 4 Days 2 0-6-9

to Oliver Moor 4 Days 2 0-6-9

to Joseph Wilder 4 Days 2 0-6-9

to 2 Indentures ——— 0-1-0

to 3 Warrants ——— 0-1-0

to Paper ——— 0-1-0



The Select men have also made Search in the Town  
Stock and find that there is about seventy one Pounds of  
And One Hundred & 25 Pounds of Bullets & three or four  
Dozen of flints -

Now follows an account of the Private Ways that has  
Laid out in the Town the year Past by y<sup>e</sup> Select men  
Septem<sup>r</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1744 Laid out a Private a croft from the Road  
by Heseekiah Whitcombs Leading to the meeting House in  
the West Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town it begins on the Road by y<sup>e</sup> mill  
And Runs in Heseekiah Whitcombs 30 Acre Lot 174 Rods then  
Throughs Whitcombs 50 Acre Lot 24 Rods and then through  
David Sewels 30 & 40 Acre Lot 60 Rods & then through Simon  
Manors 50 Acre Lot 64 Rods and then on the Line he twene  
Said manors & David Sewels half in one & in the other 50 Acre  
Land 102 Rods & then through David Sewels 70 Rods and then  
Through Capt Richardson 50 Acre Lot 300 to y<sup>e</sup> meeting House  
Said Way is two Rods wide the Persons that have not had  
Allowence in there Lands already are Satisfied With the Allow  
ence Voted by the Proprietors for Private Ways in y<sup>e</sup> Grant

William Richardson } Select  
Oliver Moor } men  
Jos Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> }

October 19<sup>th</sup> 1744 Laid out a private Way from John Wilders  
To y<sup>e</sup> Other Road by David Nelsons Leading to the meeting House  
in y<sup>e</sup> West Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town and it is Laid two Rods wide  
through John Wilders 40 Acre Lot & 9 Acre Lot 96 Rods and  
10 Rods in his 50 Acre Lot & through Phinehas Willard 40 Acre  
Lot 29 Rods & through David Willard 20 Acre Lot 54 Rods & then  
through Mr Thomas Burpees Land 40 Rods & then through a Bonga  
Houghtons 50 Acre Lot 80 Rods & then through a Burpees Land  
11 Rods and then through David Nelsons 50 Acre Lot 130 Rods  
in to the Other Road the Persons that have not had allowence  
already in there Lands are satisfied with y<sup>e</sup> Common allow  
ence

Jonathan Osgood } Select  
Jos Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> } men

November 24<sup>th</sup> 1744 Laid a private Way from Jonathan  
Fair Banks House to the Path by Worshecomb Pond by Samll  
Bayleys: And it is Laid in y<sup>e</sup> Fair Banks Land 82 Rods & then  
in Oliver Moor Land 30 Rods & then in y<sup>e</sup> Moor twenty Acre  
Land 84 Rods to Samll Bayleys Land & then in y<sup>e</sup> Bayleys 250  
Rods to the Path by y<sup>e</sup> Pond & Way is two Rods wide. it lies on  
Bayleys South & West line leaving a little Way where it first comes  
to it this Way was Objected A Gainst be Cas it was not Laid through y<sup>e</sup> Fair  
Banks Land upon which y<sup>e</sup> Fair Banks Promized that When the Town  
Should Lapse it they should Lay the Road through his Land from  
this way the Other way & that for the Common Allowence upon which  
y<sup>e</sup> Ways were Executed

Jonathan Osgood } Select  
Oliver Moor } men  
Jos Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> }



February of year 1744/5 then Laid out a Private Way  
 from m. Sam<sup>l</sup> Bayley to the Other Road of Leads to  
 the meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> West Precinct in Lancaster Begin-  
 at a small Walnut tree on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of Sam<sup>l</sup> Bayley's  
 Land & Way is a Rod & a half wide. And lieth on y<sup>e</sup> north  
 Side of y<sup>e</sup> marked trees through m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton's Land  
 Fifty Eight Rods & thence it Runs through the Land of  
 Shubel Bayley One Hundred & twenty two Rods to Land of  
 William Richardson & then through Land of S<sup>r</sup> Richardson  
 forty Rods to y<sup>e</sup> Other Road to Wee Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton  
 And Shubel Iomanifest our Consent & our selves fully satis-  
 fied With the Roades going as it is sayd & voted all saveing  
 all saveing 122 Rods long & a Rod & a half wide. from S<sup>r</sup>  
 Shubel Bayley to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Capt William Richardson Which  
 Said Bayley Expects allowance for Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton  
 the Above Road Read y<sup>e</sup> Shubel Bayley  
 Excepted Entered y<sup>e</sup> Capt Richardson } Select  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton } men  
 appointed by m<sup>r</sup> Boulton  
 Then the meeting Was adjourned to the second Monday  
 of May at twelve o'clock  
 Entered - - - Jos: Wilder (Clerk)

on y<sup>e</sup> Adjournment of march meeting to y<sup>e</sup> 13 Day of May  
 at 12 a Clock the Town being met there was a private  
 Read before them & Excepted by them Which was  
 out as follows begining at y<sup>e</sup> House of Ebenezer Pres-  
 cott Jun<sup>r</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Brook and from thence it Runs through  
 S<sup>r</sup> Prescotts Land Eighty one Rods to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Ebene-  
 zer Prescott Sen<sup>r</sup> & thence through his Land Eighty Eight  
 Rods to y<sup>e</sup> Land of ma<sup>m</sup> Prentie then through her Land  
 fifty two Rods to Land now in the Possession of Uriah Eager  
 then through S<sup>r</sup> Eagers Land One Hundred forty  
 eight rods to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Capt James Osgood & then thro-  
 ugh S<sup>r</sup> Osgood Land fifty four Rods Which brings it in  
 to y<sup>e</sup> Road if is Laid from Sam<sup>l</sup> Bayley to y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
 in y<sup>e</sup> Second Precinct And also Laid out a Private  
 Way for John Farner through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Ebenezer  
 Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> 38 Rods in to y<sup>e</sup> way for mentioned the Per-  
 y<sup>e</sup> owner of Lands this Road is Laid through are all satis-  
 fied with y<sup>e</sup> Common allowance Which is before one to be taken up with  
 Common Way are two Rods wide Jonathan Osgood (Select  
 Laid out February y<sup>e</sup> 23: 1744/5 Oliver moon } of Lancaster  
 Entered y<sup>e</sup> Jos: Wilder (Clerk)



Worcester. To John White one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of  
Lancaster Meeting. —

In His Majesties Name you are Required  
forthwith to Warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & Other Inhabitants  
of Lancaster within your line. y<sup>e</sup> is on y<sup>e</sup> north side  
of y<sup>e</sup> way of Lead, from y<sup>e</sup> Old meeting House. & near  
To Narraganset N<sup>o</sup> 2 by Spinchas Willards y<sup>e</sup> have an  
Estate of free Hold in <sup>Land</sup> <sup>24<sup>th</sup> in</sup> Province of forty Shillings  
Per annum or other Estate to y<sup>e</sup> Value of fifty Pounds  
Sterling, at y<sup>e</sup> Least to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup>  
first Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Day of May  
instant at Nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then & there  
Elect & Appoint one or more Person, being freeholders & Re-  
sident in y<sup>e</sup> Town to serve for & Represent them in a Great  
and General Court or assembly to be Convened Held & Kept  
for His Majesties Service at y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston  
on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> of this instant at nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in  
y<sup>e</sup> morning & so from time to time During there session,  
or sessions. &c.

As also y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town. Qual-  
ified by Law to Vote in Town Affairs, to meet at y<sup>e</sup> same time  
& Place: To Consider of Conclude & act upon y<sup>e</sup> several  
Particulars here after mentioned Viz &

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chose a Moderator to Manage y<sup>e</sup> meeting, —
- 2<sup>nd</sup> To see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Grant money for y<sup>e</sup> support of  
y<sup>e</sup> School y<sup>e</sup> year in being, —
- 3<sup>rd</sup> To see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Grant a tax to be worked out in y<sup>e</sup>  
High ways <sup>the</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Town this year —
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Buell a new pound & Vote where  
a stall stand and Grant a tax for y<sup>e</sup> same —
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Grant a Tax to Defray town  
Charge if need be: and make a return, of this warrant  
and your Doings there in to some one of us one hour  
before y<sup>e</sup> meeting here of fail not —

Dated at Lancaster  
May y<sup>e</sup> 1745 —

Hooker Or good in  
William Richardson } Select  
Oliver Mason } men of  
Jos. Wilder Juny } Lancaster  
J.B.



March 3<sup>d</sup> 1745/6 of free Holders & Other in Habitant of Lancaster  
 Qualified to Vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled at a meeting  
 House in <sup>the</sup> Town at nine of the Clock in the fore noon it being the annual  
 meeting for Chusing Town officers after the Select men had produced & Read  
 A List of Voters. —  
 they Voted & Chose Colonal. Samuel Willard Moderator to manage the meeting  
 after which the Select men Produced an account of their managment  
 of the Prudentials of the Town of year past Acopy of Which is as follow  
 We have Made a province Rate of one Hundred & Ninety seven pounds  
 fifteen Shillings & Have Committed Lift there of to the Constables Each one  
 His Proportion to Collect & Made Return to the Treasurers as Directed  
 We have also made a Town & County Rate of fifty three Pounds fifteen Shi  
 lings & four pence & have Committed Lift there of Jacob Kilburn & John  
 White Constables to Collect & orders to Pay in Each one His Respective Pro  
 portion of the County Rate Which was Eight pounds fifteen Shillings & four  
 pence to Capt Daniel Haywood County Treasures at or before the 25 Day of  
 January 1745/6: We have also Given or Dirs to Said Constables to Pay in  
 forty five Pounds to Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooker Orsquad Treasures for the Town for the year  
 by the 25 Day of January 1745/6: Viz to Jacob Kilburn twenty five  
 Pounds Nine & two pence to John White the other of the Constables —  
 Nineteen Pounds ten Shillings & ten pence — We have also Given orders  
 to the Treasures Orsquad to Receive & Pay out of Same as he should Receive  
 orders of the Select men: the Particular Grants of which was thirty  
 Pounds for the Support of the School & fifteen Pounds to Build a pound &  
 to pay Town Charges for the year 1745  
 We have also made a Highway Rate of fifty Pounds & Committed  
 Lift there of to the Surveyors this year Chosen & Given them orders to see  
 them worked out in the Highway of the Town this year — We have also  
 Agreed with Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooker Orsquad & Nathanael Sawyer Jun to build  
 a pound & they are to Wait as Cheaps as they Can & Bring in a Just account  
 We Have also Received with the Treasures Orsquad as he was Treasures for  
 the Town for the Years: 1744 & 1745 & we find that the Treasures Orsquad was  
 to Receive in the year 1744 forty Pounds & four pence of Deacons White  
 the Remainder of Bolton money & had orders to Pay out the Same as he  
 Should Receive orders from the Select men & that he hath Paid Agreeable  
 To the Orders we have Drawn on Him to Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson per  
 Money He Expended According to our Desire to Buy town Stock —  
 To one Half Barrel of Powder twenty three Pounds Old tenor & three  
 Shillings for Bringing up old tenor to a Nother half Barrel of Powder thirty  
 Pounds Old tenor & four Shillings bringing up to a Hundred & fifty  
 of Bullet twelve Pounds fifteen Shillings Old tenor & two Shillings to a  
 To five Hundred of flint two Pounds Old tenor the whole —  
 Seventeen Pounds New tenor — 17-1-0  
 Also to m<sup>r</sup> Peter Fair for Keeping School in the year 44 & 45  
 Twenty six pounds four Shillings & Nine pence — 26-4-9  
 To Daniel Knight ten Shillings Over paid by him when he was Constable  
 also To Cap<sup>t</sup> David Orsquad two Pounds ten Shillings to  
 Build the School House in the West Precinct — 2-10-0  
 also to Deacon White eleven Shillings he paid at Horton for a lot — 0-11-0  
 and Daniel Knight —  
 also to Horakiah Gale five Shillings and a Count of Joseph White looker (all) 5



To Nathaniel Hutton for Plank & Mending of Pound Seven Shillings 0-7-0  
 To Berrell Sawyer for Plank & Mending of W. Dives.bury Shillings 0-16-0  
 To Dea. Israel Houghton for Plank Nine Shillings 0-9-9  
 To Nathaniel Sawyer for Plank Nine Shillings 0-9-0  
 To Joseph Harrier for sweeping of Meeting House in year 1742 five Shillings 0-5-0  
 To the assessors for Making Rates for year 1744  
 To Cap. William Richardson 4 Days 1/6 pr Day 0-6-9  
 To J. D. Richard for writing two Sadellures 1/3 pr Sadellure of paper 0-2-8  
 To Dea Oliver Moor 4 Days 1/6 pr Day & paper 0-6-11  
 To Joseph Wilder Jun 4 Days 1/6 pr Day & 5 warrants of paper 0-9-6  
 Also to John Benan Constable for the year 1743 for Dependance  
 To w<sup>m</sup> Jeverix being Rates of year at Leominster 0-6-8  
 To Daniel Willard being Rates at Harvard 0-8-8  
 To Jonathan Ball, Rates being Exstream poor & not able to pay 0-6-8  
 Also to J. D. assessors for Making Rates for year 1745  
 To Cap<sup>t</sup> Hacker Osgood 7 Days 1/6 pr Day & paper Eleven Shillings 0-11-0  
 To Cap<sup>t</sup> Richardson 4 Days 1/6 pr Day for Shillings 0-6-0  
 To Paper & Writing one warrant One & two pence 0-1-2  
 To Dea Oliver Moor 5 Days 1/6 pr Day & 2 Duire paper 0-8-3  
 To Joseph Wilder Jun 7 Days 1/6 pr Day writing 3 warrants & paper 0-13-8  
 To John Snow one Day 1/6 0-1-0  
 Also to Cap<sup>t</sup> Richardson for Charge of Horse & Paper by  
 the way in Bringing up w<sup>m</sup> Bassford & Nine pence 0-4-9

The Whole of which is fifty three Pounds Sixteen Shillings & five pence in year 1744  
 Moor then treasurer 1900 had to Receive in year 1744  
 Deduct Nine Pounds Sixteen Shillings & five pence from 45 Pounds  
 Osgood hath orders to Receive of the Constables this year 1745  
 & there will be in J. Treasurer Osgood's Hand, thirty five pounds sixteen  
 Shillings & five pence we find that we have given orders to  
 Osgood to pay C<sup>l</sup> Oliver Wilder for Making Rates 0-6-9  
 And to J. widow Abigail Wilder for keeping of William boy 2-18-1  
 which is yet he hath not Paid  
 then the Town Proposed to Chose Town officer  
 the moderates called for votes for five School men and Cap<sup>t</sup> Hacker  
 Osgood, Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson, Josiah Richardson, Oliver Moor  
 and Joseph Wilder Jun were Chosen  
 then Votes was Cald for a Town Clerk & Josiah Wilder Jun was Chosen  
 Votes was Cald for a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> South Side of the Road  
 and Josiah Wilder was Chosen then Votes was Cald for  
 a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> North Side of y<sup>e</sup> Road & James Houghton  
 was Chosen. But y<sup>e</sup> inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> West Precinct being uneasy  
 by that the Constables were Both Chosen in that Precinct  
 the motion was made to See if the Town would Reconsider  
 the vote of Chusing James Houghton Constable & if  
 we must skip one Page for y<sup>e</sup> Rest of y<sup>e</sup> meeting



Worcester ss May 13<sup>th</sup> 1745. by Vertue of  
this Warrent I have warned all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and  
Other Inhabitants with in my Precinct Quale  
As with in mentioned to meet at time place as  
Within Directed — — John White } Constable  
of Lancas.

the Other Warrent Delivered m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Kilburn  
y<sup>e</sup> Return was the Same of this — —  
Entered J<sup>r</sup> — — Jos: Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Cler.

The free Holders and Other inhabitants being meet  
on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of May 1745 at 9 of the Clock Agree-  
ble to y<sup>e</sup> Afore mentioned Warrent after the Select  
men had Read A List of Voters the Town the town  
made Choice of Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> for a moderator  
to mannage meeting: then the Select men Put it  
to a vote to see if y<sup>e</sup> Town would Chose one Person  
And no more. to Represent them at y<sup>e</sup> Great and Gene-  
ral Court for this year and it Passed in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative  
then Voter was called for for a Representative y<sup>e</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Ephraim Wilder Warchosen: Who Refused to serve  
Then Voter was Called for for a Representative y<sup>e</sup>  
Deacon Asiah White was Chosen who like wise Refused  
then the Select men Called for Voter for a Represen-  
tative and Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson Warchosen who  
Excepted. — —

1 ly then y<sup>e</sup> Town Voted to Grant a tax of Thirty Pounds  
for y<sup>e</sup> support of y<sup>e</sup> School

2 ly the Town Voted a Rate of thirty fifty Pounds  
to be worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Highways & Private ways  
of y<sup>e</sup> Town this year: at 2 shillings p<sup>r</sup> Day till sen<sup>th</sup>  
next & one shilling after wards 12 p<sup>r</sup> Day for a year &  
over & so for a Cart

3 ly Voted a tax of fifteen pounds to building a Penn  
& for the <sup>support</sup> of Town Charges y<sup>e</sup> year in being  
Voted to Set y<sup>e</sup> Pound on y<sup>e</sup> Common of it bym Prentice

Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> mod. cler.

Entered J<sup>r</sup> Jos Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Cler



Then the Moderator called for a vote to Reconsider that of Choosing  
James Houghton Constable & it Passed in the affirmative.  
Then the Moderator called for votes for a Constable on y North Side  
of y Road & John Beman Jun Was Chosen who hired his father John  
Beman Senior to Serve in his Room & the Town Excepted Him by  
a vote the Town Voted & Chose John Carter Town Treasurer.  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton Jun & Robert Phelps Was Chosen Tything men  
Ebenzer Beman Samuel Sawyer Daniel Robins Joseph White  
Phineas Sawyer Edward Robins John F. Cleber & John Bennett  
Jun Was Chosen Surveyors of Highways  
Amos Sawyer Was Chosen Dealer of Leather  
Nerekiak Pater Was Chosen Surveyor of Leabbor & Hunting  
Capt David Osgood & David Wilder Was Chosen Preservers of  
Shubel Bayley & Thomas Ross Was Chosen to Suppress those  
that shall unlawfully set fire. Jonathan Wilder was Chosen  
field Drivers Joseph Bennett & James Wilder was Chosen fence viewers  
of fences  
The Survey or field Drivers since viewers Preservers of trees the proprietors  
of those that set fire. was sworn to their Respectful office on 3 Day before  
y Meeting was Adjourned to y third Monday of May next  
Samuel Willard Moderator

The Above said Entered D Joseph Wilder Jun } Town Clerk

Sanctuary February of 26<sup>th</sup> 1745/6 then Laid out a private way 2 Rods  
Leading from the meeting House in y West Precinct in y Town  
to m Daniel Robins, beginning at a white oak marked on the  
North Side of y Road Eastward of y Meeting House & Run  
on the Line between the Land of the Rev John Mellen  
& Land of Capt William Richardson twenty four Rods two  
wide half in one & half in the other till it Comes to a white oak  
in or a little to the west of y Line between S Mellen & S Rich  
ardson Land then Run over the Hollow straight to the Bridge  
on y other Side on S Mellen Land & then most ly in S Mellen  
Land Partly by S Richardson Land 36 Rods & then Between  
them both to a stake & stones which is S Richardson Corner  
12 Rods & from thence Along between the Land of m Mellen  
& Daniel Robbins till it Comes to a white oak a corner between  
him & Ephraim Sawyer 65 Rods half in one and Half in y  
other a Tree with the Party, Consented for the Common  
Allowance  
Hacker by good Select  
1745 William Richardson men  
John Snow

Read before the Town March 3:

& Excepted by a Vote

Entered D Joseph Wilder Jun Town Clerk



Lancaster February the 7<sup>th</sup> 1745/6 then laid out a Private way two Rods wide to and Lancaster Second. Prepared beginning at the way that leads to y meeting House in y Precinct by Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibbs lying on the South side of y marked trees A Run on David Jewets Land 58 Rods then on Land of Jacob Kilburn 110 Rods then on Land of David Nelson 40 Rods then on Land of Benj<sup>a</sup> Haughton Senior 68 Rods then on Land of John Priest 152 Rods then y Road Run all on fifty Acre Land Except Jacob Kilburns Land & that is forty Acre Land then on Land of Benj<sup>a</sup> Haughton Senior which is a first Lot, 100 Rods then on Land of Jonathan Nelsons 48 Rods then on Land of James Ross 15 Rods then on Land of Daniel Powers 60 Rods in 30 Acre Land then then on Land of Jonathan Powers 52 Rods there is no allowance in it then on Land of Jonathan Wilder 30 Rods in y first Lot then on thirty Acre Land of Aaron Drexon 54 Rods then on Drexons 50 Acre Land 98 Rods the Persons concerned are all satisfied with the Common Allowance Where there is no allowance made by the Committee in there Land before

Read before the Town

March the 3<sup>d</sup> 1745/6

Entered y Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

Oliver Moor } Select man  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Haughton } in Rome o  
Joseph Wil }  
by his order

Lancaster February y<sup>d</sup> 7 1745/6 then laid out a private way from the Land of Laakeus Boynton through David Jewets Land sixty eight Rods then through the Land of y<sup>d</sup> Jewet turning to ward the East thirty two Rods to y<sup>d</sup> other side of y Jewets Land the Parties are all satisfied with the Common allowance laid out by

Entered y Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

Oliver Moor }  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Haughton }



Worcesters

To Jacob Hilburn and of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster  
Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are Required to warn  
all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster  
with in your Precinct Qualified to vote in Town affairs to  
meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster  
on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of May (scilicet) at nine o'clock in the morn-  
ing there to Agree Conclude And act on the Particulars  
here after mentioned Viz -  
ly to Chuse a Moderator to mannage said meeting  
ly to Grant a Tax for the Support of the School & to Defray  
the necessary Charges arising in the Town this year  
to state the wages at how much a Day  
ly to Grant a Tax to be worked out in the Highways & Privies  
in & Town this year & to state the wages at how much  
a Day  
ly these are to inform the Town that their annual meet-  
ing is adjourned to the Day above mentioned & that there is sever-  
al Private Ways lately laid out in & Town to be laid before  
you for your Exception  
ly to see if the Town will Except of m<sup>r</sup> John Haughton in Constable in  
the Place of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilden  
ly to see if the Town will Chuse a Committee to Recon with m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>n</sup>  
Haughton Jun<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for  
ly to see what y<sup>e</sup> Town will do Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Cap<sup>t</sup> David Biron  
and others Which is as follows April y<sup>e</sup> 30 - 1746 to y<sup>e</sup> Select men of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
of Lancaster Greeting We the Subscribers Committee for building the School House  
in the Second Precinct in said Town Desire that this may be inserted in your  
next warrant for Calling a Town meeting Viz to see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will vote to pay  
us y<sup>e</sup> money that we have bin out over & above the ten Pounds here to face grant  
ed to Build a house & also what we have had by the sale of y<sup>e</sup> old meeting House  
&c & as in Duty bound shall ever pray Signed David Biron Samuel Sawyer  
Ephraim Sawyer - you are alike Required to warn all the free Holders  
and other Inhabitants with in your Precinct that have office Hold of Lands  
with in this Province of forty Shilling per annum at y<sup>e</sup> Least or other Estate  
to y<sup>e</sup> Value of forty pounds sterling to Assemble at y<sup>e</sup> time & place above men-  
tioned then and there to Elect & Depute one or more persons to Represent  
them at a great & General Court or Assembly Appointed to be Convened here at y<sup>e</sup> Court House  
at y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston on Wednesday the 23 of May (scilicet) at y<sup>e</sup> Town House  
to time Day to Day During their Session & so long here of said Court & make due  
Return of this warrant at or before y<sup>e</sup> time to someone of us -  
Dated at Lancaster May y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1746 -



Worcesters.

Lancaster May the 1<sup>st</sup> 1746.

Observance of & within Warrant to me Directed  
I have warned all the free Holders & other inhabitants of  
of Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the  
time & Place within mentioned & to vote for a Representative  
as of Law Directs — Jacob Riburn Constable  
the other Warrant committed to of other Constable & the  
Return is of the same Import of this —

- At a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in Town  
affairs & in y<sup>e</sup> Choise of Representatives being Legally  
assembled Agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> above Warrant att y<sup>e</sup> meeting Hou.  
in y<sup>e</sup> first Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town on Monday May y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1746
- 1<sup>ly</sup> ~~at~~ Voted & Chose Coll. Willard Moderator to Govern  
said meeting —
  - 2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Except of M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Haughton Constable  
in y<sup>e</sup> Room of M<sup>r</sup> Josiah Wilder —
  - 3<sup>ly</sup> voted A tax of forty Pounds Newtenor for the Supp  
ort of y<sup>e</sup> School & for the other Necessary Charges that  
may arise in the Town the year in being
  - 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted A tax of Seventy five Pounds to be worked  
out in the Highways & Private ways of y<sup>e</sup> Town this year  
att 2<sup>d</sup> pr Day till Septem<sup>r</sup> nex one Shilling pr yoke of  
oxen, & Sixpence a cart & after that one Shilling pr Day  
oxen & 6<sup>th</sup> pr Yoke Cart 3<sup>d</sup> —

The Article of the Petition of Capt David Orgood & others  
mentioned in the Warrant & the Article for Chousing a  
Committee to Recon with Ben<sup>a</sup> Haughton for some Rea  
sons were omitted & Not acted on —

The Select Men Opened the meeting for the Choise  
of Representative & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Warhosen  
On the Adjournment of March meeting to said  
Day the Several Private Way laid out in said Town  
the year past was Read before the Town Voted & Except  
ed by them VIZ May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1746 then laid out a private way  
in the second Precinct in Lancaster from y<sup>e</sup> Road between James Haughtons  
and Jacob Barrells & Run Southerly on a Ridge in y<sup>e</sup> Barrells Land  
on y<sup>e</sup> East side of y<sup>e</sup> marked tree, Ninety three Rods to Timothy Ropers land  
then in said Ropers land on the East side of the marked tree along on y<sup>e</sup> East side  
of y<sup>e</sup> Ropers Hou<sup>s</sup>e & on y<sup>e</sup> East side of a log fence 66 Rods to Land of the As<sup>s</sup>  
John mellen Land on the East side of y<sup>e</sup> mark & on a Ridge to y<sup>e</sup> south  
Side of m<sup>r</sup> mellen Land two Hundred & sixty eight Rods  
then on the East side of the marker through the Land of Thomas







Lancaster March 27<sup>th</sup> 1746 then Laid out private way  
 from Jonathan Bayley, in to y<sup>e</sup> Road that lead from the  
 old town to y<sup>e</sup> ~~field~~ <sup>second</sup> Precinct in said town it Run on said  
 Jonathan Bayley, land thirty Rod then on Jonathan & Moses  
 Bayley, land half in one & half in the other forty four Rods  
 then on said Moses Bayley, thirty four Rods then on Jonathan  
 Bayley, forty two land One Hundred & one Rod, then on land  
 of Lew<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Sawyer land forty Rods to y<sup>e</sup> other Road &  
 the persons Satisfied with y<sup>e</sup> Common Allowance  
Joseph Wilder } select man  
 John Baint } woodman

April

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1746 then Laid out private way  
 from Thomas Roper, beginning at the peach tree where y<sup>e</sup> other  
 Road Run, through y<sup>e</sup> field & Run on Roper land sixteen  
 Rods to James Kendal's land then on Kendal's land for  
 ty Rods to land of Ephraim Sawyer then on land of Ephraim  
 thirty six Rods to land of Daniel Robbins then it Run East in  
 an Robbinses land & Part on Sawyer's land, Eighteen Rods  
 then on Robbinses land twenty seven Rods to Robbinses fifty  
 acre land then on the fifty acre land to a white oak standing  
 by the parth And then up y<sup>e</sup> hill on y<sup>e</sup> South & East side of a line  
 of marked trees in Robbinses land & Sixty Eight Rods in  
 Thomas Roper's land to y<sup>e</sup> other Road above Dochester  
 land in to the other Road that lead to y<sup>e</sup> Meeting house in  
 the second Precinct said way to be two Rods wide

Hooker 19 rods } select  
 William Richardson } men  
 Joseph Wilder Jr }

March 28<sup>th</sup> 1746 then Laid out private way from  
 Daniel Robbinses to the Road between Deacon Oliver, moor  
 & Josiah Richardson, first through y<sup>e</sup> land of y<sup>e</sup> Red w<sup>t</sup>  
 Millen forty Rods then through the land of Elias Sawyer twen  
 ty nine Rods & a half then through the land of Thomas Roper Eight  
 five Rods to the Peach tree this Part of y<sup>e</sup> Road to be twenty feet  
 wide the Rest of y<sup>e</sup> Road two Rods wide then through Roper  
 on the West side of his House twenty one Rods then through  
 Josiah Kendal's land forty nine Rods then through Charles Cow  
 Farm nineteen Rods then on then through land of



Thomas Proff fifty four Rods then through Land of  
Sam Kendal thirty Eight Rods then through Land of  
Ezekiel Kendal Eighty Rods & thirteen Rods & a half half  
and Ezekiel Kendal & half on Down Oliver moor Land  
then thirty Eight Rods on Oliver moor Land then Eight Rods  
then on m<sup>r</sup> Romans Land fifty three Rods then half on m<sup>r</sup> Romans  
& half on Down moor, twenty Eight Rods & a half then  
Sixty Rods half in said bodmans & half in Joseph moor per  
then forty nine Rods on Land of J<sup>r</sup> Heirs of Ebenezer Wilder  
and twenty Rods on J<sup>r</sup> above said Joseph moor then seventy  
six Rods on Land of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Fairbank & nineteen Rods  
on Land of J<sup>r</sup> Heirs of m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Wilder, this on the Land  
of Joseph moor Thomas Fairbank & the Heirs of Ebenezer  
Wilder is to be a bridge Road and is laid but one Rod  
Wide then from the a bowe said Romans Land one Rod  
and forty Eight Rods through the Land of said  
Oliver moor by his house in to the Road that Leads  
to Worcester by Josiah Richardson from the Ways a bowe  
mentioned Road before the Town & Excepted Separate by  
by there water at their meeting on may 9<sup>th</sup> nineteenth  
1746 Meeting & Private Ways Entered  
the last way Entered was J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder J<sup>r</sup> & Co<sup>r</sup>  
laid out part of it by Oliver  
moor & Josiah Richardson & part by Capt William Rich  
and son & d<sup>r</sup> moor Josiah Richardson & Joseph Wilder  
select men for the year 1746



To y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & Other inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town  
of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in the Choice of  
town Officers these are to Notify you that you  
are Desired to Chose a Committee to take care that  
that none improve on y<sup>e</sup> towns Common or Highways  
with out paying Rents as they shall Agree & to  
Receive such Rents as are Due: & also that there  
are Several Private ways laid out in y<sup>e</sup> town  
to be laid before you for your Exceptance at y<sup>e</sup>  
next Annual March meeting for Chosing town officers  
which will be on Mond<sup>y</sup> & Second Day of March near  
at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> first Precinct in said  
town At Nine of Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning  
Lancaster Febrary y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1746/7

Hosker Bygood Select  
William Richardson men,  
Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>

Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

The Proprietors & Other inhabitants of  
the town of Lancaster, being legally Assem-  
bled at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House on the first Precinct  
in Lancaster at Nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock according to y<sup>e</sup>  
Usual Custom after the Select men had opened y<sup>e</sup>  
meeting & Read a list of Voters the town made  
Choice of Col<sup>l</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard for a Moderator to  
manage said meeting then the Select men  
Produced And Read an account of there Managing  
the Prudentials of y<sup>e</sup> town the year Past which is  
as followz: 1746 we have made a Rate for y<sup>e</sup>  
Province Agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> warrant we have Received  
of y<sup>e</sup> Province treasurer of One Hundred & Eighty  
Seven p<sup>ts</sup> Seventeen Shillings, And have Committed  
L<sup>ts</sup> there of to Messrs John Beman & Joshua  
Houghton <sup>Consistable</sup> to Collect



We have also made a Down & County Rate of forty  
Nine Pounds Nineteen Sixpence one farthing and  
Committed left there of to said Constable, to Collect  
And Orders to pay in of same viz to m<sup>r</sup> John  
Beaman one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables twenty one pound  
fifteen Shillings sevenpence one farthing & have  
ordered him to pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Heywood County  
treasurer four pounds at or before the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Day of March 1747 also to John Carter Town  
treasurer Seventeen Pounds fifteen Shillings  
& sevenpence one farthing it being his part  
to Collect of y<sup>e</sup> Above said tax, we have  
also Committed left to Joshua Haughton the  
other Constable of twenty Eight pounds three  
Shillings & Elevenpence & Orders to pay in  
to said Treasurer Heywood four pounds fifteen  
Shilling, sevenpence two farthings at or before  
the 1<sup>st</sup> of March Next also to m<sup>r</sup> John Carter,  
Treasurer for town twenty three pounds Eight Shilli  
ngs sixpence two farthings we have also made  
a Rate of Seventy five Pounds to be worked out in  
the Highways & have Committed left there 35 10  
Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> Highways this year (the 1<sup>st</sup>  
& have given Orders that they take care to be  
worked out in y<sup>e</sup> way this year in sum  
we have Recored with Hooker Osgood Treasurer  
for y<sup>e</sup> year 1745 and find that he had in his hand  
thirty five pounds sixteen Shillings & sevenpence  
and that he hath paid Agreeable to his order Treas  
re on him Since to m<sup>r</sup> Edward Bass for Keeping School  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 1746 & July 9<sup>th</sup> 1746 two quarters 15-19-6



Also to Jeremiah Haskel for two pair of Shoes for  
 the widow Abigail Willard Agreeable to his orders,  
 Baring Date Decem<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & Septem<sup>r</sup> 17: 1746 - 0-9-0  
 to Coll Oliver Wilder - - - - - 0-8-9  
 to John Beman for Deficiency of William Deveraux  
 Rates he being Rated at Leominster 1743 - - - 0-6-8  
 to Daniel Willard being Rated at <sup>Leominster</sup> ~~Leominster~~ 1743 - - - 0-8-8  
 to Jonathan Ball for being Rated of his Rates - - - 0-8-8  
 to Joseph Bennitt Eleven Shillings for what  
 Jonathan Ball was Rated in his Rates in 1742 - 0-11-4  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Dock for keeping of School master Dec<sup>r</sup> 9 1746 0-4-6  
 to Nathanael Sawyer for Plank - - - - - 1-1-6  
 for Building 2 Pound for him Self & others 5-10-0  
 to y<sup>e</sup> widow Wilder for keeping of William boy - 2-18-0  
 And there is still in said Treasurers Osgood 28-2-4  
 Hands Eight pounds One Shilling & two pence  
 which we have ordered him to pay to m<sup>r</sup> Bass  
 for his third Quarter for keeping School - 1746 7-19-9  
 Also we have ordered Osgood to receive 1-7 for  
 making Rates for y<sup>e</sup> year 1747 which was y<sup>e</sup>  
 whole of what s<sup>d</sup> Treasurers Osgood was to receive - 0-1-7  
 We have also Bound out John Johnson to Capt  
 Ephraim Wilder as an apprentice till he Arrives to y<sup>e</sup>  
 Age of one & twenty years, Also Levi Kendal to Abijah  
 Wyman till he is one & twenty years old & have given  
 And taken Indentures of them - - - - -  
 then y<sup>e</sup> town Proceeded to y<sup>e</sup> choice of town officers  
 and accordingly Vales was Called for to Choose five  
 Select men & Decon Josiah White Capt David Osgood  
 Capt Ezra Sawyer Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 was Chosen then y<sup>e</sup> moderator Called for votes for a town  
 Clerk & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen then votes  
 was Called for for a Constable on y<sup>e</sup> North side of y<sup>e</sup> line  
 & John Wheelock was Chosen who hired John White &  
 the town Excepted him by a Vote then y<sup>e</sup> town voted  
 and Chose Capt William Richardson to Serve



as (conspicuous) on y<sup>e</sup> West Side y<sup>e</sup> Road I heired Joshua  
Haughton to serve in his Rome. & y<sup>e</sup> town Excepted him  
by a vote. Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Knight & m<sup>r</sup>  
Shuble Bayley by thing men then Votes was Called for  
Surveyors of Highways & Zachus Boynton, Thomas Fairbank  
Nathan Buzz Joseph Abbott Josiah Sawyer Asaph Phelps  
Asa Whitcomb Jonathan Kendal Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Surveyor  
then ~~Voted & Chose~~ <sup>of high ways</sup> Thomas Ripingwell & John Goff was  
Chosen Hogreaver Aaron Willard & Jonathan Wilder was  
Chosen fence viewer John Wilder & John Phillips was  
Chosen Preservers of Deer Amos Sawyer was Chosen  
Dealer of Leather Heremiah Gaiter was Chosen Survey  
or of Shingle & Cabord Peter Joslin was Chosen  
town Treasurer Cap<sup>t</sup> David Orgood Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim  
Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen <sup>the moderator</sup> Effepor then the moderator  
Called for Votes to Chose a committee <sup>to take care of town concerns</sup> it Passed w<sup>th</sup>  
the Negative then the town Voted to Give Joseph Wilder  
Jun<sup>r</sup> there Representative Instruction to Use his best  
interest at y<sup>e</sup> Great & General Court for Keeping out  
& Defending the fort on Connecticut River above y<sup>e</sup>  
line then y<sup>e</sup> meeting was Adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> third Monday  
in may at 3 of y<sup>e</sup> Clock Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Moderator  
Entered & Joseph Wilder Town Clerk  
The best Part of said Officers was Sworn on 2 day  
of march Before Oliver Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> -  
Cap<sup>t</sup> David <sup>Orgood</sup> was Sworn as an Apepor before Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder was Sworn as an Apepor before Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>



February of 25<sup>th</sup> 1777 then laid out Apprivale Way in Lan-  
 caster west Precinct it began at James Ropes Land which  
 he Bought of John Gibb and Run on Asa Whitcombs Land 118 Rods  
 on a forty Acre or just Lott then on Land of Phineas  
 Beaman from Asa Whitcombs East line to Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood  
 North West Corner 106 Rods where abroad was formerly laid  
 out and then in said old Road till it comes to y<sup>e</sup> Road that  
 Leads from Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood to Benjamin Haughton  
 Said Way is laid two Rod wide and lieth on y<sup>e</sup> North Side of  
 the marked trees then we began at y<sup>e</sup> above said Road at  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Osgood Corner & Run on Land of Phineas Beaman 220  
 Rods Along by the House of y<sup>e</sup> Beaman to Ben<sup>y</sup> Haughtons Land  
 and then on y<sup>e</sup> Haughton Land <sup>Along by y<sup>e</sup> House of y<sup>e</sup> Haughton</sup> a Hundred Rods <sup>where</sup> under it and  
 there is no Allowance for a way in the Land above mentioned  
 then on Ben<sup>y</sup> Haughton fifty Acre Land 77 Rods then on twenty  
 Acre Land of Jonathan Wilder 35 Rods then on Common Land 58 Rods  
 then on fifty Acre Land of Sam<sup>l</sup> Hendal 80 Rods then on Com<sup>on</sup>  
 Land 40 Rods to y<sup>e</sup> River betwixt y<sup>e</sup> mill waters. A persons that  
 have had their Land dammified by y<sup>e</sup> above way being laid thro-  
 ugh have agreed for the Common Allowance which is six Acre for one  
 in y<sup>e</sup> Common laid out by

Oliver Moor } Select  
 Josiah Richardson } men,

February of 28<sup>th</sup> 1777 then laid out Apprivale way from  
 John Rugg by Joseph Osgood to y<sup>e</sup> way that Leads to Andrew  
 Wilders mill two Rods wide & it lieth on y<sup>e</sup> West side of y<sup>e</sup> marked  
 trees throw Andrew Wilders Land then through Nathaniel  
 Sawyers Land on y<sup>e</sup> West Side of y<sup>e</sup> marked tree taking one Acre & 1/2  
 then through the Land of Joseph Osgood on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of y<sup>e</sup>  
 marked trees & by y<sup>e</sup> fence 10 Rods & then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of  
 John Rugg on y<sup>e</sup> West Side of y<sup>e</sup> marked tree & through Comm<sup>on</sup>  
 Land to y<sup>e</sup> House of said John Rugg the persons that have  
 had there Land dammified by y<sup>e</sup> above way have agreed for y<sup>e</sup>  
 Common Allowance laid out by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hooker Osgood Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 William Richardson & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Select men  
 the above Way Read & Excepted March of 2 1777  
 Entered

J<sup>s</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Per



Worcester ss

Gal To John White one of y<sup>e</sup> Justices of the Peace of the County of Lancaster.  
To John White one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster.  
Greeting In His Majesty's Name you are Required  
to warn all the free Holders & other Inhabitants of  
said Town qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet  
at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> first Precinct in said town  
on Monday the 18 Day of this Instant May at nine o  
Clock in y<sup>e</sup> morning then & there to Consider of and  
act on y<sup>e</sup> Particulars here after mentioned VIZ —  
1 by to Chose a Moderator to manage said meeting.  
2 by to Grant a Tax for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School & for to pay  
the necessary Charge that may arise in y<sup>e</sup> town this  
Present year —

3 by to Grant a Tax to be worked out in the Highways & private  
ways this Present year —  
And to say at how much each; Last March meeting February  
meeting & y<sup>e</sup> Precinct meeting one adjourned to said Day  
And Abijah Haughton Desires to have the Road turned from the  
North to the South Side of his House —

You are Also Required to warn all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders and other  
Inhabitants <sup>free</sup> within your Precinct that Have a free Hold of  
Land within <sup>the</sup> this Province. Valuable of for by Shilling  
Per annum at y<sup>e</sup> least or other Estate to y<sup>e</sup> Value of for  
by Pounds Sterling to Assemble at y<sup>e</sup> time & place Above  
mentioned then & there to Elect & Depute one or more Persons  
to Represent them at a great & General Court to be Convened  
held & kept for His Majesty's Service at y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston  
upon Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 27 Day of this Instant May at nine o Clock  
in y<sup>e</sup> morning & so from Day to Day During their Session &  
Sessions & make Return of this warrant & your Doing, there in at  
or before said <sup>time</sup> to Someone of us here of said Joseph White & Select men  
Worcester ss Lancaster May y<sup>e</sup> 18 1747  
by Virtue of this warrant I have warned  
all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other Inhabitants ~~of y<sup>e</sup> town~~ within my Precinct  
qualified as within mentioned to meet at time and place aforesaid  
in Directed —  
The other Warrant Directed to Joshua Haughton the other of y<sup>e</sup> Constables  
and the Return is of y<sup>e</sup> Same tenor of this —  
Entered & Joseph Wilder Just Town Clerk for Lancaster



May y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1747 the free Holders & Other Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> town <sup>of Lancaster</sup> being assembled at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> first  
Present Agreeable to the A Bove Warrent made Choice of  
of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Bennitt for Amoderator to manage said me-  
ting.

2<sup>d</sup> by the Town Granted A tax of forty five Pounds Newtenor to be  
for y<sup>e</sup> support of the School & y<sup>e</sup> Other Necessary Charge  
that may arise in y<sup>e</sup> town this Present year —

3<sup>d</sup> by Voted A tax of thirty Pounds Newtenor to be worked out in y<sup>e</sup>  
Highways & Private Ways this Present year At Eight shillings  
A day the work to be Done betwixt this & the 1<sup>st</sup> of September  
Next — — — — — John Bennitt Moderator  
Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilderford

Then the Select men Opened the meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Last Part of  
the Warrent Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Choice of A Representative & Read  
the receipt before the town, the Question was put wheather they  
would Chose one or two Representatives & they Voted to Send but  
one then Vales was Called for for A Representative & Joseph Wilder  
was Chosen - On y<sup>e</sup> Adjournment of March meeting to  
said day the town Voted that Abijah Houghton Have A Liber-  
ty to turn y<sup>e</sup> Road from the Back Side of His House to y<sup>e</sup> fore  
Side &c. making that way as good Sapping as the Other way Now  
— — — Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilderford } Clerk

Worcester / To y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & Other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> town  
of Lancaster qualified to Vote in y<sup>e</sup> Choice of Town officers  
Meeting In his Majesty's Name you are Required to meet  
at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> first <sup>Present</sup> in Lancaster on Mond  
the Seventh Day of March Next at nine O'Clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
in fore noon it being your Annual Meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Chose  
of Town officers Required by Law to be Chosen as also to  
to Come in to any Measures that you shall think Pro-  
per Disposing of Swanswamp Way or any other way or  
Land that you are Concerned in Lancaster February y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1747  
by Order of y<sup>e</sup> Select Men Joseph Wilderford Town Clerk



At A Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Freeholders & Other  
Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally  
assembled at y<sup>e</sup> Meeting House in the first Precinct in  
Lancaster On march the seventh 1747<sup>th</sup> at nine O'clock  
in the forenoon first Voted & Chose Coll Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Mode-  
rator for s<sup>d</sup> Meeting then y<sup>e</sup> Laws was Read Required to be  
Read at said Meeting then the Select men Produced an  
account of there managing the Prudential of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
the year past & the Assessor of there Proceedings which  
was as follows We have made A Rate for y<sup>e</sup> Province of  
two Hundred & fifty one pounds Six Shilling, & Committed lift  
there of to y<sup>e</sup> Constables to Collect Viz to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Houghton  
one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables One Hundred & thirty six Pounds nine Shilling,  
and to M<sup>r</sup> John White the Other of said Constables One Hundred  
& fifteen Pounds Seventeen Shilling, —  
also we have made A town & County Rate of fifty one  
Pound, fifteen Shilling, & Committed lift there of to s<sup>d</sup>  
Constables to Collect Viz to M<sup>r</sup> Joshua Houghton one of s<sup>d</sup> Con-  
stables twenty two pounds eighteen Shilling, & four pence  
with Orders to pay in the Same to M<sup>r</sup> Peter Joslin Town Treas-  
urer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1747 at on or before the first Day of march  
Next also we have Committed to Him y<sup>e</sup> said Houghton lift  
for five Pounds sixteen Shilling for y<sup>e</sup> County Rate with  
Orders to pay in y<sup>e</sup> Same to Major Daniel Hayward County  
Treasurer or His successor in office At on or before y<sup>e</sup> first  
Day of March Next We have Committed the lift for the other  
Part of y<sup>e</sup> town Rate being twen  
to M<sup>r</sup> John White the Other of said Constables with orders  
to pay in y<sup>e</sup> Same to M<sup>r</sup> Peter Joslin s<sup>d</sup> treasurer at on or before  
the first of march Next we have also made A Rate of thir-  
ty Pounds to be worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Highways & Private ways  
in said Town this Present year & have Committed lift  
there of to 2 Surveyors this year Chosen  
David Orgood Ephraim Wilder & Joseph Wilder s<sup>d</sup>  
Assessors —



We have Reconned with John Carter Treasurer for  
the Year 1746 I find that he had Orders to Rec<sup>d</sup>  
of m<sup>r</sup> John Beaman one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables for said Year  
Seventeen Pounds fifteen Shillings four pence one far.  
of m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Haughton the Other of y<sup>e</sup> Constables twen  
three Pounds eighteen Shillings six pence two farthings  
the Whole forty one pounds four Shillings ~~three~~ three  
farthings & that he hath paid Agreeable to the Orders  
he hath Rec<sup>d</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> Select men As follow Viz  
April y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1747 to m<sup>r</sup> Edward Bap 36-19 old tenor  
to m<sup>r</sup> Edward Bap June 1<sup>st</sup> 1747 ——— 36-19 old tenor  
to m<sup>r</sup> Edward Bap March y<sup>e</sup> 2 1746 — 12-6 old tenor  
to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Palmer for his first Quarter  
Keeping School 1747 — — — — 30-0 old tenor  
£ 116 4 — —

Also to the Apesons for making of Rates y<sup>e</sup> year 1747  
To Oliver Moor Eight Shillings & three pence 8-3  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson ——— 6-9  
to Col<sup>l</sup> Wilder for his son being Rated before he was of age 1746 9-5  
to Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> ten & three pence for making Rates 10-3  
& writing warrent in y<sup>e</sup> year 1746 ———  
to m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown for Roding m<sup>r</sup> Bap 1747 at  
Seven & six pence w<sup>ch</sup> week ——— 4-17-6  
to John White for y<sup>e</sup> Rates of John Sergeant Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Johnson Jonathan Bale Nathanael Wright & 2-10-6  
John Dupree in y<sup>e</sup> year 1745 ———  
To Peter Green for Summoning y<sup>e</sup> Select men to  
make Answer to a presentment y<sup>e</sup> Last August Court 1747  
for Not Keeping a constant School in y<sup>e</sup> year 1746 & 47  
fifteen Shillings ——— 0 15-0  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood for time & money Expended  
for Answering said Presentment ——— 1-5-0  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> Osgood for making Rates 1747 ——— 0-10-3  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> ——— 8-8-6  
to Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> thirteen Shillings ——— 08-13-0  
to m<sup>r</sup> Ezekiah Gates for keeping m<sup>r</sup> Palmer 4 weeks  
& 2 day 1-15-0



To Deacon White & Joseph Wilder, Jr  
for money Advanced for Matthew Wyman's wife & for  
four Shillings all of Sum above mentioned make  
the Sum of 41 - 4 - 1 - 2 farthings, which was of whole  
of what S. Treasures Carter was to Receive  
Josiah White David Orgood Ezra Sawyer Ephr  
aim Wilder Jun & Joseph Wilder Jun Selectmen  
then Moderator Called for Votes for five Selectmen  
& Dea Hooker Orgood Capt David Orgood Capt William  
Richardson Joseph Wilder Jun & Thomas Fairbanks was  
Chosen Votes for Atown Clerk was Called for & Joseph  
Wilder Jun was Chosen then Votes was Called for a  
stable on y South Side of y Way & Thomas Sawyer  
was Chosen & he hired Mr Joshua Haughton to serve  
in his home & y town Exceeded him by a Vote then  
the Town Chose Abijah Wyman Constable for y  
the North Side of y Way Peter Poplin was Chosen  
Town Treasurer Jacob Kilburn & Aaron Orgood was  
Chosen Tything men Shubel Bayley Ben<sup>a</sup> Wilder  
Josiah Ballard Sam<sup>l</sup> Lock ~~King~~ John Snow Caleb  
Wilder Nathanael Wyman & Matthew Clerk was Chosen  
Surveyors of Highways Andrew Wilder and Asa Whitcom  
was Chosen Deer Revers Ben<sup>a</sup> Haughton Jun & Thomas  
Burpee was Chosen fene Viewers Ebenezer Bupp Sotham  
Wilder Thomas Dale Roger Robins & John Phelps was  
Chosen Hay Revers Amos Sawyer was Chosen Dealer of  
Leather Ben<sup>a</sup> Ballard Surveyor of Shingle & Clabboard  
then the town Voted to Discontinue Swanswamp  
Highway and the way above y Bridge by Deacon Orgood  
all to five Rods wide & that the Committee Chosen by  
y Proprietors of Lancaster their Left Annual Febru  
ary meeting to Dispose of y Common on y West Side of  
the River by Docter Prentiss Vir M. Faber Fairbank  
Deacon Josiah White Coll Oliver Wilder Dea Israel  
Haughton & Joseph Wilder Jun



Be Also A Committee to See Which way  
the said ways may be Disposed of to y<sup>e</sup>  
Best Advantage for y<sup>e</sup> Use proposed &  
to Report their Opinion there on to y<sup>e</sup> President  
And Proprietors ~~at some~~ <sup>at the meeting of 3 Wednesday of mo</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> ~~of 3~~ <sup>of 3</sup> ~~Wednesday~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> ~~of mo~~ <sup>of mo</sup>  
Next Entend m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

The Biggest Part of y<sup>e</sup> Officers was Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faith  
full Discharge of their office before Oliver Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
on the Seventh Day of March 1747/8

Lancaster March y<sup>e</sup> 7 1747/8 then Laid out a bridge  
Road a Good one by m<sup>r</sup> James Wilder Benj<sup>a</sup> Wilder & Ezra  
Houghton & m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> it begins at y<sup>e</sup> South  
Corner of S<sup>r</sup> James Wilders Land & Runs North on his Land  
Eighty eight Rods, twenty two feet wide to Benj<sup>a</sup> Wilders Land then  
through S<sup>r</sup> Wilders Land northerly twenty four Rods, two Rods wide  
then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Ezra Houghton two Rods wide by y<sup>e</sup> the  
West End of His House Seventy four Rods, then through the Land  
of m<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> two Rods wide Running by y<sup>e</sup> West End of  
His Barn About Eighty Rods to y<sup>e</sup> Others Way } Select men  
W<sup>m</sup> Fishington of Lancaster  
Robert Diggood  
Oliver Moor

February y<sup>e</sup> 29 1747/8 then Laid a Private Way in Lancas<sup>r</sup>  
from the Sawmill Brook so Called to y<sup>e</sup> Private Way that  
Lead to John Prescotts Mill it begins at Said Saw mill  
Brook & Runs through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Jonas Fairbank twenty  
four Rods then Bounds Southerly by Land of Josiah Sawyer  
One Hundred & forty two Rods, then twenty Eight Rods through y<sup>e</sup>  
Land of Herckiah Gates then it Bounds north by Land of m<sup>r</sup>  
Sawyer Eighty nine Rods, then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of S<sup>r</sup> Gates  
One Hundred & forty six Rods, then between y<sup>e</sup> Land of Aaron  
a good & Land of y<sup>e</sup> Widow Harris & Land of y<sup>e</sup> Widow Mary  
Sawyer forty six Rods to y<sup>e</sup> Way first Mentioned y<sup>e</sup> Way is four Rods  
wide with a Range of marked trees on y<sup>e</sup> South Side from y<sup>e</sup> Saw mill  
Brook to y<sup>e</sup> House of m<sup>r</sup> Herckiah Gates & then on y<sup>e</sup> North Side to y<sup>e</sup>  
End there. of Laid out by David Diggood Ezra Sawyer & Enbraim Wil  
Select men



February 29<sup>th</sup> 1778 then Laid out a private way  
from y<sup>e</sup> House of Hereshub Gales to y<sup>e</sup> Old townline  
in Lancaster East off y<sup>e</sup> House of Jonathan Bayley  
it begins at y<sup>e</sup> townline and runs through y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup>  
Moses Bayley thirty nine Rods then ninety four Rods  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Silly Wilder then One Hundred &  
fifty three Rods through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder  
then forty Rods between y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> Wilder & Cap<sup>t</sup> William  
Richardson then forty eight Rods through y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> Eph  
raim Wilder then One Hundred & Seventeen Rods through  
y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> Richardson then forty one Rods through y<sup>e</sup>  
Land of Joshua Fairbank then Eighty Rods between y<sup>e</sup> Land  
of Amos Sawyer & Hereshub Gales to y<sup>e</sup> Gateses House  
Said way is three Rods wide with a Range of Markers  
on y<sup>e</sup> North & Northerly Side of y<sup>e</sup> Way and no allowance  
to be made to any Person save forty eight Rods through  
y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Wilder & One Hundred & Seventeen Rods  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson they Agreeing  
for y<sup>e</sup> Common Allowance Laid out by David Osgood  
Ezra Sawyer & Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Selectmen

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1778 then Laid out a private way from  
Nathanael Wilders in Lancaster to y<sup>e</sup> Private way East off y<sup>e</sup>  
House of Ezekiel Kendal it begins at y<sup>e</sup> Wilders Land  
& runs through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Bay<sup>l</sup> Wilder thirty Rods then  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Bay<sup>l</sup> Thomas Fairbank forty two Rods  
then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of y<sup>e</sup> Wilder forty five Rods then through y<sup>e</sup>  
Land of Joseph Moor fifty Rods then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Boman Eighty Rods then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Thomas  
Fairbank ninety seven Rods then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of  
Joseph Kendal forty eight Rods then through y<sup>e</sup> Land of  
Ezekiel Kendal twenty four Rods ~~then through y<sup>e</sup> Land~~  
to Said way the way now Laid out is but twenty feet  
wide and is Laid out by y<sup>e</sup> Consent of all y<sup>e</sup> Persons  
Concerned that own y<sup>e</sup> Land save Cap<sup>t</sup> Boman  
The above Said Way hath a Range of Marked trees  
on y<sup>e</sup> North Side there of from y<sup>e</sup> Land of Nathanael  
Wilder to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Boman & on y<sup>e</sup> South side to y<sup>e</sup>  
End there of Laid out by David Osgood Ezra Sawyer &  
Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Select men



the Before Mentioned Ways was all ~~mentioned~~  
Read on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 7 Day of March being the Annual  
March Meeting & Were Excepted by a Vote of y<sup>e</sup>  
town Entered J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

Worcester

Q<sup>ue</sup> To Joshua Haughton One of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Lancaster  
Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are Required to warn  
all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & Other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town to  
be qualified to Vote in town affairs to meet at y<sup>e</sup> mean  
House in y<sup>e</sup> first Precinct in said Town on Wednesday y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>  
Day of May Next at Nine O'Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Morning there  
to Consider of & Act upon y<sup>e</sup> Articles here after mention<sup>d</sup>  
Viz first to Chose a Moderator to manage said Meeting  
to Granting Allowance for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School & for Repair<sup>ing</sup>  
my Other Necessary Charge that may Arise in y<sup>e</sup> Town this  
Present Year — 3<sup>d</sup> to Grant Allowance to be worked out in  
the Highway & private ways this Present year & when it shall  
be worked & at how much Allowance forth by Also your Last Mar.  
Meeting is Adjourned from the 7<sup>th</sup> of March to y<sup>e</sup> Day Above men<sup>t</sup>  
the Town is Deputed to Discontinue y<sup>e</sup> Private ways that is Laid  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of M<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Allen Or now in his Possession  
from Where y<sup>e</sup> Scarr Bridge formerly stood to M<sup>r</sup> John Prescotts  
Land & through y<sup>e</sup> Prescott Land to his House or Give y<sup>e</sup> Allen  
Leave to Shut up y<sup>e</sup> Road & Hung Gates there on Also to Discon<sup>t</sup>  
tinue y<sup>e</sup> Road that is Laid out by Thureas Beaman also to See if y<sup>e</sup>  
Town will alter y<sup>e</sup> Road that is Laid through the Land of  
Ezekiel Kendal So as to meet at White oak tree y<sup>e</sup> Select men  
Marked also to Discontinue y<sup>e</sup> Bridle way that was Laid  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Thomas Fairbank Also to Except  
of y<sup>e</sup> Road that was formerly Laid out by Ben<sup>y</sup> Ballard  
as it is now fenced ~~off~~ out & as people now travel it —  
Also to See if y<sup>e</sup> town will let of y<sup>e</sup> North Part of



the town for a Separate Township or Precinct Agreeable to the  
Request of Henry Haskel & Others

You are alike Required to warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders & Other Inhabi-  
tants of s<sup>d</sup> Town that have an Estate of free Hold in Land within  
This Province to y<sup>e</sup> Value of forty Shillings Per annum at y<sup>e</sup> Least  
Or other Estate to y<sup>e</sup> Value of forty Pounds Sterling to assemble  
at time & place Above mentioned ten & there to Elect & Return  
one or more Persons being free Holders & Resident in s<sup>d</sup> Town  
to Represent them at a Great & General Court or Assembly  
Appointed to be Convened here & kept ~~for~~ his maj<sup>ty</sup>s service  
at y<sup>e</sup> Court House in Boston on y<sup>e</sup> ~~25~~ 25 Day of May  
Current at Nine O Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon, & to from Day to Day  
During their s<sup>e</sup>sions & Sessions here of said not to make  
Due Return of this warrant at or before said Day to

Sum one of us Lancaster May y<sup>e</sup> Ninth 1778  
Entered Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> (Clerk) <sup>Robert Osgood</sup> Select men  
<sup>David Osgood</sup> of Lancaster  
<sup>Forwilsden</sup>  
<sup>Thomas Fairbank</sup>

The Return of s<sup>d</sup> Warrent is as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Whereas s<sup>d</sup> Lancaster May y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1778 by virtue of this Warrent  
I have warned all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & Other Inhabitants within s<sup>d</sup>  
Precinct to meet at s<sup>d</sup> place to act on y<sup>e</sup> several  
Particulars set forth in said Warrent & s<sup>d</sup> Warrent  
The Other Warrent was committed to m<sup>r</sup> Abijah Wyman y<sup>e</sup>  
y<sup>e</sup> Other of y<sup>e</sup> Constables it being after y<sup>e</sup> same manner  
of the Return of same of this Above written

All Alegal Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> free Holders And Other Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> town of Lancaster well free to late in town of s<sup>d</sup> Precinct  
the Choice of Representation at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Precinct  
met in Lancaster on y<sup>e</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> May 1778 at Nine O Clock in  
the Morning first Voted & Chose Col<sup>l</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> A. Williams Mod-  
erator to Munnage said Meeting Secondly Voted A tax of  
Eighty free Pounds Newtenor for y<sup>e</sup> Suppallling the School &



Defraying the Charge that may Arise in  
Town this Present Year 3<sup>rd</sup> Voted Seventy five Pounds 10  
Shillings to Mend of Highways & Private Ways & Repair  
Bridges this Present Year Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Pay from y<sup>e</sup> first  
of June to y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of August be twelve Shillings a Day for  
Men One & six pence pr Day for a Yock of Oxen Nine pence  
pr Cart <sup>new</sup> After y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of August ~~to y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> of August~~  
the Last of September ten Shillings a Day for men four for  
a Yock of Oxen & two for a Cart Old tenor ~~ten~~ And if  
the work is Not Done by y<sup>e</sup> Last of September then  
the Several Persons that have bin Delinquent Shall Pay  
their Part of Said tax in Money to y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of Highways  
this year Chosen; then Came on y<sup>e</sup> March Meeting Upon  
the Adjournment As mentioned in y<sup>e</sup> warrant for Calling this Meeting  
which first Voted on y<sup>e</sup> Request of of Mr Ebenezer Allen that y<sup>e</sup>  
way that was formerly Laid out to Mr John Prescotts mill from  
where y<sup>e</sup> Sear bridge stood be a bridge way & that said Allen  
& Mr John Prescott Jun<sup>r</sup> have Liberty to fence in the same  
they Hanging Gates there on for y<sup>e</sup> Convenience of any that  
may have Occasion, to Pass Secondly Voted y<sup>e</sup> Vote was put  
to see if y<sup>e</sup> town will Discontinue y<sup>e</sup> way lately Laid out  
by Shunehar Beman & it Passed in y<sup>e</sup> Negative thirdly  
Voted to Discontinue y<sup>e</sup> the Bridge Road that was laid out  
through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Mr Thom<sup>s</sup> Fairbank there being another  
Road since Laid out in his Land more Convenient fourthly  
Voted to Except of y<sup>e</sup> Road that is Laid out through y<sup>e</sup> Land  
of Benjamin Ballard by Thomas Holley & by Theresiah  
Ballard As it is Now fenced out & trod till it Comes  
to where it was formerly Laid out Voted that y<sup>e</sup> Road lately  
Laid through y<sup>e</sup> Land of Ezekiel Kendall be altered so much as  
to bring it to a Certain white oak tree marked Voted &  
Chose y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors of y<sup>e</sup> Highways this year Chosen be  
Collectors to gather the money which shall not be over



But in the Highway and Private ways of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
of "Septem" Next and to Account with & pay in the same  
if any there be to y<sup>e</sup> Town Treasurers The Vote was put to  
See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Grant y<sup>e</sup> Petition of Henry Haskel  
And further Praying that y<sup>e</sup> North Part of y<sup>e</sup> Town might  
be set off for a Separate Town Ship or Precinct & it  
Passed in y<sup>e</sup> Negative Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Moderator  
Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk

The Select<sup>men</sup> Opened y<sup>e</sup> meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Choe of a  
Representative. And Vot<sup>r</sup> was Called for brot in and  
Sorted & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> was Chosen who Declared  
his Non Exceptance then Vot<sup>r</sup> was Called for brought in  
and Sorted & Capt William Richardson, was Chosen  
to serve for y<sup>e</sup> Present Year.

Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Cler of Lancaster

att A Legal meeting of y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & Other Inha  
bitants of the town of Lancaster on march y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1788  
It being their annual meeting for the Choe of Town  
officers and in the first Place The Select men Read  
alist of y<sup>e</sup> Voters then Voted & Chose Col<sup>l</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard  
moderator. Voted & Chose Col<sup>l</sup> Willard Cap David Orgood  
Capt Richardson Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> & Dea Oliver Moor  
Select men Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Cler  
There was Amotion made to Chose three Constables &  
and it was Voted in the Negative Vot<sup>r</sup> was Called for  
a Constable on the North Side the Town & Aaron Orgood  
was Chosen Voted and Chose Jonath Fairbank Constable  
on the West Side after the Town had Excused Elias Brug  
Ham who was first Chosen said fairbank hired Johna  
Houghton of y<sup>e</sup> Town Excepted Him by a Vote  
Voted & Chose Amos Jewet Jacob Barnet Josiah Kendal  
Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> A Bish<sup>p</sup> Willard Darius Sawyer  
Isaac Rugg Aaron Willard ~~was~~ Surveyors of High  
ways Voted and Chose Josiah Wilder & John Wheelock  
ty thing men Voted & Chose Capt Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Ephraim Carter Homer Sawyer & David Jewet James Vieren



Voted & Chose Jonathan Wilder Surveyor of Plabboard & Thos.  
Voted & Chose John Goodridge John Gibbs Nathanael White Thos.  
Dole & Philip Goss Hogues Voted & Chose Ezekiah White  
and Asa Whitcomb ~~Proprietors~~ Proprietors of Deer  
Voted & Chose Hubel Bayley & Abner Sawyer to Prosecute those  
that set fire unlawfully - - - - -  
the officers A Great Part of them was sworn out Day before  
Oliver Wilder &c - - - - -

Voted to Grant y<sup>e</sup> Request of Jonathan Wilder which was the  
the way formerly laid out from the Mill water by the widow  
Beman to y<sup>e</sup> Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> David as good be made a Bridle Road  
Solong as the Town shall Think Proper to Continue to - - -  
Voted on the Request of David Nelson that y<sup>e</sup> Way Lay<sup>d</sup> through  
this Land be turned between this & m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Burpee - - -  
Voted on the Request of Several of the Inhabitants of Threewbury  
beg<sup>g</sup> viz Edward Newton William Whitney Daniel Bigbee Jonathan  
Foster Isaaciah Eager Josiah Cutting Ezekiel Newton which Request  
is to see if the Town of Lancaster would Receive them in to y<sup>e</sup>  
number of their Inhabitants if they Can obtain Liberty from the Great  
and General Court to that End: the Vote Passed in y<sup>e</sup> affirmative  
and their Request was Granted Voted on the motion of Cap<sup>t</sup>  
William Richardson the Book for m<sup>r</sup>ly made Use of by y<sup>e</sup>  
Committee of y<sup>e</sup> Loan money be Devoted to the Town for y<sup>e</sup> Use  
of their Select men to Record to Record their affairs in man  
aging the Prudential of y<sup>e</sup> Town - - - - -

Now follows an account of the Select mens manning y<sup>e</sup>  
Prudentials of y<sup>e</sup> Town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1788 we have made  
A province Rate of five Hundred & Sixty two pounds three  
Shillings & fourpence and have Committed Lists there of  
To y<sup>e</sup> Constables this year Chosen Each one its Proportion  
to Collect we have also made a Town & County Rate of  
of one Hundred & Seven Pounds and Detained Lists there of  
to y<sup>e</sup> Constables with warrents to Collect y<sup>e</sup> same and orders  
To pay as follows Vist Joshua Houghton one of said Cons  
tables is to Pay Peter Forlin Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year forty Pounds  
five Shillings & nine pence at or before y<sup>e</sup> first of march  
1788/9 and the said Houghton is to Pay major Daniel Hoop  
wood County Treasurer twenty pound nine Shillings & two p  
by y<sup>e</sup> Last Day of march 1789 we have Given Abijah  
Wyman the other of y<sup>e</sup> Constables orders to pay y<sup>e</sup> then  
Peter Forlin forty five Pounds five Shillings & one Penny by y<sup>e</sup> last  
of march 1788/9



We have also made a Highway Rate of seventy five  
Pounds and Committed Left there of to the Surveyors of Highways  
this year Chosen with Directions to let the same worked out  
in the Highways and Bridges in sd Town at y<sup>e</sup> Rates Voted  
by the Town or to gather the money agreeable to y<sup>e</sup> Town  
Vote and gave them order to pay in the money they should  
gather to Peter Joslin Town Treasurer & Comptrol their account  
by y<sup>e</sup> first of march -

We have also by our Select Brothers in our Room Pre-  
sented & Renewed the Bounds of y<sup>e</sup> Town Vot betwene  
Shrewsbury Leominster Botton and in Part betwene and  
Howeg meeting with those Appointed by y<sup>e</sup> Select men of the  
and being Put to it to find the bound between Seneaster & How  
Leg from the River to Lunenburg Corner we Agreed to  
Run y<sup>e</sup> line and new mark and beginning at Luneng Burg Corner  
we Run the line and marked Back on a straight line from the  
mark on the Round Hill to the Path north of Sanct Arllard  
and had not time to mark all the way -

we have also reckoned with Peter Joslin for the year  
1747 and find that said Treasurer Had orders to Reviewe  
of the Constables for the year 1747 forty five Pound Eight teen  
Shillings and one Pence viz of Joshua Houghtone one of y<sup>e</sup> Con-  
stables twenty two pound Eight teen Shillings & four pence  
of John White the other of y<sup>e</sup> Constables twenty two pound nine  
teen Shillings and nine pence and that he hath Payed a  
Creable to y<sup>e</sup> Order he hath Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Select men as follow  
viz to m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Palmer for Keeping School one year  
thirty four pound thirteen Shillings & nine pence 34-13-9  
said year ended January y<sup>e</sup> 12-1748 -  
To John Phillips for Plank ten shillings - 00-10-0  
To Leu<sup>t</sup> John Carter for money he had or due to 1-9-2  
Pay Cap<sup>t</sup> David Orgood more then he had order to be due 1-19-2  
as he was Treasurer in the year 1746  
To Jacob Foute for boarding the Schoolmaster one Quarter 4-15-0  
To Josiah Richardson for making Rates in the year 0-8-3  
1746 Eight Shillings three pence  
To m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown for Keeping the Schoolmaster  
one Quarter Seven pound 7-0-0  
To Jacob Milburn for burning a meeting two &  
half pence 0-2-6



To the Assessor for making Rates in the year  
one thousand seven hundred & forty eight

To Dea Hooker Osgood 5 Days at 3/ Day & 4 9  
paper and taking the Invoice — — — — 0-18-3  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> Richardson 3 Day 3/ Day paper — 0-9-4  
to Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood 3 Days 3/ & taking invoice 1 — 6-3  
to Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> 4 Day 3/ & paper & taken — 15-6

Entered *J* Joseph Wilder }  
Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk — — — }  
Hoskey Osgood }  
David Osgood }  
William Richardson }  
Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> } Assessor

Lancaster march 7 1748/9 A transcript of a private way  
from the Road near the Place that was Thomas Houghton  
to y<sup>e</sup> South Side of Clamshell Pond it began at y<sup>e</sup> Road  
South up y<sup>e</sup> Hill near y<sup>e</sup> Houghtons Place & runs through y<sup>e</sup>  
Land of Kerekiash Gates to said Clamshell Pond & Round  
the South East Side of id Pond till it c<sup>o</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> South Side  
of id Gates & Land and then towards the Land of  
Phillip Larkin's place as there is allowance left for a  
private way, the above said way is three Rods wide.  
Where the way is now trod said way was then y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup>  
town march 7 1748/9 and Executed by Abate<sup>r</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Town  
then the meeting was adjourned to y<sup>e</sup> next 7 y<sup>e</sup> of May next y<sup>e</sup> Town  
Entered *J* Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Moderator



then the Town affairs came on & first Voted a tax of one  
Hundred Pounds Addition for of School Rate & for the  
Charge that may ~~thereafter~~ arising in the Town this Present  
year 2 ly Voted a tax of One Hundred Pound to be wor  
ked out in the Highways & Private ways & Bridges this  
year to be Regulated in the same way as it was the Last year  
Excepting the time for three Shillings a Day to begin the 1<sup>st</sup> of May  
& to Continue to of Last of September



at an Annual Meeting Legally Assembled on y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of  
 March at y<sup>e</sup> <sup>1730</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>meeting house in</sup> Precinct in Lancaster at nine o' Clock in y<sup>e</sup>  
 forenoon After Abj<sup>e</sup> of Voters was Read & y<sup>e</sup> Law Read Voted &  
 Chose Col<sup>l</sup> Wilder moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting 2<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Voted & Chose  
 Call Oliver Wilder Capt William Richardson Capt David Osgood Dea  
 Oliver moor & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Was select men - - -  
 Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk - - -  
 Voted & Chose Sam<sup>l</sup> Lock was Constable for y<sup>e</sup> Neck or North side y<sup>e</sup>  
 Voted & Chose Jonathan Wilder Constable for y<sup>e</sup> South Part of y<sup>e</sup> ~~town~~  
 Voted & Chose Capt Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Treasurer - - -  
 Voted & Chose Charles Stuart Jonathan Fairbank John Sergeant  
~~Joseph White~~ John Phelps & Nathan Rugg: Surveyors of Highway  
 Voted & Chose Aaron ~~Wright~~ Willm<sup>d</sup> Jacob Barret Benjamin  
 Ballard & Benjamin Wilder Fighting men - - -  
 Voted & Chose Oliver Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> & Phineas Willard ~~was chosen~~  
 fence Viewers Voted & Chose Joshua Fletcher James Butler  
 Ephraim Roper Nathanael Wilder & John Harris Stage of  
 Voted In Peter Green & Thomas Garey field Drivers - - -  
 Voted & Chose Nathanael Sawyer & Amos Rugg to Propriate  
 such as set fire unlawfully - - -  
 Voted & Chose Jonathan Powers & Matthew Clark Preservers  
 of Dees Voted & Chose Amos Sawyer Sealer of Leather  
 Voted & Chose Benjamin Ballard Surveyor of Clabords  
 & singles Voted to set y<sup>e</sup> Hags Run at Large Henry <sup>Haskell</sup> was Chosen  
 Survey of Highways then y<sup>e</sup> meeting was Adjomed to the third  
 Tuesday of May next at 10 o' Clock in y<sup>e</sup> After noon  
 Entered & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk Oliver Wilder mod-  
 erator for said meeting

The officers most of them Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> faithfull Discharge  
 of their Respective offices Before Oliver Wilder Esq on the  
 Day a Bone Dated Ephraim Roper & John Harris was Sworn  
 Sworn to y<sup>e</sup> office of field Drivers before Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq  
 Call Nath<sup>l</sup> Oliver Wilder Capt William Richardson Capt David Osgood  
 & Dea Oliver moor was Sworn as before for y<sup>e</sup> year 1730 Before Joseph  
 Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq



Now follows Ancecount of the Select Men for the year  
1749 we have made a poovine Rate of four Hundred & six-  
ty five Pounds fourteen Shillings & Sixpence and Committed  
Lift there of to the Constables this year Chosen Each one their Pro-  
portion to gether or collect we have also made a Town & Coun-  
ty Rate of One Hundred and twenty <sup>four</sup> Pounds Nine Shillings  
~~and two pence~~ three farthings and Committed Lift there of  
to the Constables this year Chosen to collect with warrents  
for the same and Orders to Pay ~~the~~ as follows V<sup>t</sup> Joshua Houghton  
one of the Constables is Ordered to Pay Ephraim Carter Town Treasurer  
the Sum of fifty three Pounds two Shillings & Nine pence one farthing  
at or before the first of March 1749/50 also s<sup>d</sup> Constable is Ordered  
to Pay to Major Daniel Haywood County Treasurer or His Successor  
in office the Sum of twenty Pounds Nine Shillings & two pence  
two farthings at or Before the Last Day of March 1750 ~ ~ ~  
we have Ordered Aaron Orgood the Other Constable to Pay to s<sup>d</sup>  
Treasurer Carter the Sum of fifty Pounds Eight Shillings & one  
Penny at or before the first of March 1749/50 We have also  
made a Highway Rate of One Hundred Pounds & Committed  
Lift there of to the Surveyors this year Chosen with Orders  
to see them worked out in the Highways & at Bridges in  
the Town of Lancaster and to Account according to s<sup>d</sup> Town Vote  
We have also Reckoned with Peter Joslin Town Treasurer for  
the year 1747 & 1748 and find that said Joslin Had paid a due  
able to the Orders Drawn on Him  $52 = 18 - 2 - 2$  Seven Pounds  
One penny two farthings more then He had Orders to Receive  
in the year 1747 and that s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer Hath Paid him a  
dueable to His Order as follows V<sup>t</sup> To M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Palmer  
for Keeping <sup>School</sup> three Quarters of a year One Hundred and twenty five Pounds - - -  $\pounds 125 - 00 - 0$   
in Newtenor thirty one pound five Shillings - - -  $31 = 5 - 0$   
to Heskiah Gale for Keeping the School <sup>Quarter</sup> ~~ma~~ <sup>one</sup> -  $5 = 13 - 9$   
five Pounds thirteen Shillings and Nine pence - - -  
to M<sup>r</sup> Edward Phelps for Keeping the School -  $6 - 0 - 0$   
ma<sup>r</sup> ~~or~~ one Quarter Six Pounds



To Emma Houghton One <sup>normal</sup> Eight Shillings Four Pence three for  
things ————— £ 1 - 8 - 4 - 3.

To Abigail Wyman for Defect of Form lost James Houghton  
 Ezra Rolf Not paying their Ruler - - - - -  
 Three pound thirteen Shillings - - - - - 3-13-0

To Abijah Wymen also ten shillings two pence farthing 0 - 10 - 2  
To Joshua Orgood Eleven Shillings & Six pence 0 - 11 - 6  
for His Sons being Rated before the war of age

To Mr Joshua Houghton One Pound four Shillings  
and ten pence — — — — — for Keeping Scho<sup>r</sup> master 4 — 10

To James Kendal Sixpounds ten Shillings 6-10-0

To Abijah Wyman four Shillings & sixpence — 0 — 4 — 0

The Whole's Treasurer Jarlin Hath Paid for the year  
One thousand Seven Hundred & forty Eight <sup>2</sup> 59 12-8-

What is Berlin Had order to Receive ~~was~~ 86-10-10

The Ballance Due to the Fourn is  $\pounds 26 = 18:2:$

Which Sum of twenty six pound Eighteen Shillings  
two pence two farthings We have Ordered <sup>sd</sup> Joslin to pay to  
Ephraim Carter Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1749 and  
Given <sup>sd</sup> Treasurer Carter <sup>order</sup> to pay out of Same as you he  
Shall receive Order from y<sup>e</sup> Select Men —

We have Drawn Orders on Ephraim Carter Treasurer for the year 1749 for three Pounds one Shilling four pence two farthings New tenor With which we have bought & have had Sealed as of Law Directs One Gallon & Quart meter measure One Steel yard with of Charge of Sealing measures Amounts to sd sum We have Reckoned with M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> as He was Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year One thousand Seven hundred and forty two And Received five Pounds Old tenor in full of what was Due ~~to~~ ~~sd~~ from Said Houghton to y<sup>e</sup> Town which money ~~is~~ Due from the Town to y<sup>e</sup> next Precinct in y<sup>e</sup> Town

Witness our hands this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 1750

James Mowatt William Richardson  
Joseph Wildman

John Mowatt



Worcester sh Lancaster May 11<sup>th</sup> 1750  
To m Joshua Haughton one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables of the Town of  
you are here by Required from his Majesty's name forth to warn  
all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other Inhabitants within your Precinct in  
said Town that have an Estate of free Hold in Land with in this  
Province or territory of forty Shillings Per annum at y<sup>e</sup> Least  
or other Estate to y<sup>e</sup> Value of forty Pounds Meeting to Assemble  
on Wednesday next the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant May at nine of y<sup>e</sup>  
Clock in the forenoon at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house in y<sup>e</sup>  
Precinct in said Town then and there to Elect & Dispose one or more  
Persons being free Holders & Resident in y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster  
to serve for & Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly  
appointed to be Convened here & Kept at y<sup>e</sup> Court house in Boston  
for his Majesty's service ~~on~~ on Wednesday the thirteenth Day  
of this Instant May & from Day to Day During their session  
and Sessions &c

you are a like Required to warn all y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other  
inhabitants in your Precinct to meet at y<sup>e</sup> forced time  
and Place then & there to fifty to Choose a Moderator  
2<sup>ly</sup> to act Vote & Do What they shall think Proper  
~~what they shall think~~ then to wards Raising money towards  
Raising money to wards y<sup>e</sup> Raising money for Defray  
ing y<sup>e</sup> Charge of y<sup>e</sup> School 3<sup>ly</sup> to act & Vote how much money  
they will grant to be worked out at y<sup>e</sup> Bridges and Highways  
or by ways for y<sup>e</sup> Present Year also to Vote how much a  
man a pare of Oxen & a Cart shall have a Day &c  
Fail not & make Return to some one of us one hour  
at Least before y<sup>e</sup> meeting of your Doings there on

Lancaster May 15<sup>th</sup> 1750 by virtue of this warrant I have warned all y<sup>e</sup> free holders & other  
Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of ~~Lancaster~~ within my Precinct to  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs to wit on y<sup>e</sup> several Per  
tinent I set forth in y<sup>e</sup> warrant Joshua Haughton Constable  
the Above Warrent and Return Entered of Joseph Wreden  
the other warrant Delivered to m ~~Lancaster~~ <sup>Lancaster</sup> ~~Lancaster~~ <sup>Lancaster</sup> (or  
of y<sup>e</sup> same tenor and y<sup>e</sup> Return the same of y<sup>e</sup> form going  
at a meeting of y<sup>e</sup> free Holders & other Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster legally Assembled Pursuant  
to y<sup>e</sup> foregoing Warrant



first Voted & Chose <sup>Mr</sup> Oliver Wilder Moderator  
2<sup>d</sup> Voted And Granted A tax of fifty three Pounds Six Shillings  
8<sup>d</sup> & Eight pence in Silver money for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup>  
School & Defraying the Necessary Charge that may Arise  
in y<sup>e</sup> town this Present year <sup>to be worked out</sup>  
3<sup>d</sup> Voted A tax of fifty three Pound Six shillings 8<sup>d</sup> Eight pence  
Highways Private Way, & Bridges in y<sup>e</sup> Town this Present  
year Which tax is to be worked out by the Last of Sep  
tember Next by A Vote of y<sup>e</sup> Town at Said meeting — —  
Voted that Amos Hall have two Shillings a Day  
& twelve Pence a Day for his Oxen and six pence for  
Acart Voted that if the Lpts are Not worked by the Last  
of September as afore said then the Surveyors are Directed  
And impowred to Gather or Levy and Collect the Remainder  
of y<sup>e</sup> money in Case the Person Neglecting their Duty in  
Working shall have had Due warning before y<sup>e</sup> Day as y<sup>e</sup>  
Law Directs — —

<sup>Mr</sup> Oliver Wilder Moderator

Entered & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk

To y<sup>e</sup> Free Holders and other Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster  
Greeting;

In his Majesty's Name you are Required to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House in the first Precinct in Lancaster on y<sup>e</sup> first Monday  
of March Next at Nine of y<sup>e</sup> Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon it being  
your Annual meeting for y<sup>e</sup> Chose of Town officers Required by  
Law to be chosen also to Except of any Private Ways that  
hath bin laid out in sd town & may belaid before you for your  
Exceptance also to Grant A tax for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School  
And the other Necessary Charges that may arise in y<sup>e</sup>  
also to Grant A tax to be worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Highways & private ways in y<sup>e</sup> Town & y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> m<sup>r</sup>  
Town the year ensuing year By Order of y<sup>e</sup> Select men

Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk Lancaster February 15 1750

Entered & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk



Here ~~there~~ follows an account of the Select men for y<sup>e</sup> year 1750  
of y<sup>e</sup> Prudentials of Lancaster for y<sup>e</sup> year and in y<sup>e</sup> first Place we  
have made a Town and County Rate of Sixty five Pounds fifteen  
Shillings three pence three farthings <sup>Two pence</sup> and have Committed list  
there of to y<sup>e</sup> Constables this year Chosen to viz<sup>t</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Joshu  
a Houghton One of the Constables the Sum of thirty four Pounds  
ten Shillings and Six pence three farthings Lawfull money  
With a Warrant to Impower him to Collect y<sup>e</sup> Same and order  
to pay in y<sup>e</sup> Same to y<sup>e</sup> Ephraim Wilder Jm<sup>t</sup> Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup>  
year 1750 by y<sup>e</sup> Last Day of march 1750 We have also Committed  
list of the Sum of thirty One pound five Shillings the Remain  
der of y<sup>e</sup> afore said Sum of 65-15-3-3 to M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Lacks y<sup>e</sup> other  
of y<sup>e</sup> said Constables with a warrant Impowering y<sup>e</sup> Lacks to Yeather  
y<sup>e</sup> Same and order to pay in y<sup>e</sup> Same viz<sup>t</sup> to <sup>Daniel</sup> Major Haywood  
County Treasurer or his Successor in office the Sum of ten pound  
Eighteen shillings At or before y<sup>e</sup> Last Day of march 1750  
We have also Given order to said Constable Lacks ~~and order~~  
to pay Can<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder Jm<sup>t</sup> Town Treasurer the Sum of ten  
pound six Shillings and Nine pence Lawfull money at or before  
the fifth Day of march in 1750 and we have also Given  
said Treasurer Wilder Order <sup>Receipt &</sup> to pay out y<sup>e</sup> money afore said which  
he is to Receive of said Constables ~~and to pay~~ as he shall Receive or  
over from y<sup>e</sup> Select men We have also made a Highway  
Rate of fifty three Pounds Six shillings and Eight pence Lawfull  
money and have Delivered list there of to y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors this  
Year Chosen and have Given them Orders to see it  
Worked out in the Highways & private ways & Bridges this  
Present Year according to y<sup>e</sup> Rules Voted by the Town and  
to make Return of their list to y<sup>e</sup> Select men  
We have also Returned with M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Carter Town  
Treasurer for the Year One Thousand seven Hundred and  
~~forty nine~~ <sup>forty nine</sup> and find that he had Order to Receive of y<sup>e</sup> Constables  
for y<sup>e</sup> year 1749 the Sum of One Hundred and three Pounds  
ten Shillings ten pence one farthing New tenor Viz<sup>t</sup> of Joshua  
Houghton one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables 53-2-3-1 and of Aaron  
Orwood y<sup>e</sup> other Constable y<sup>e</sup> Sum of 50-8-1 Each of y<sup>e</sup> Sums is New tenor



With y<sup>e</sup> 26 18-2-2 s<sup>d</sup> Carter was to Receive of Treasurers  
 Joslin the sum total of which One Hundred and thirty Pound  
 nine shillings and three pence Newtenor — — 130-9-0-3  
 And that s<sup>d</sup> Carter hath Paid Agreeable to  
 His Orders from the Select men as follows

To m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Palmer Eleven pound fine for Keeping school one Quarter — — — — —	new tenor 11-5-0-0
To s <sup>r</sup> Rev <sup>d</sup> m <sup>r</sup> John Mellen Six pound ten for Being y <sup>e</sup> School Master one Quarter — — —	6-10-0-0
To Dec Hooker Or good for Covering y <sup>e</sup> Bridge by his House	7-10-0-0
To Nathanael Sawyer Jun <sup>r</sup> for Plank to Cover y <sup>e</sup> Brid ge by Capt Bennetts — — — — —	7-10-0-0
To Joseph Palmer for Keeping school his last Quarter & part of a Quarter — — — — —	15-00-0-0
To Edward Phelps for Keeping y <sup>e</sup> School y <sup>e</sup> last Quarter	6-10-0-0
To Joshua Houghton Constable for Jonathan Ball Rates & to s <sup>d</sup> Houghton for Priests Rates & his son that was Rated at Shrewsbury — — — — —	2-6-11-3
To s <sup>r</sup> Rep <sup>r</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> year 1749 for taking y <sup>e</sup> Valuation and Making Rates for s <sup>d</sup> year — — — — —	11-7-9-0
To H Ezekiah Gates for Keeping y <sup>e</sup> School Master an <sup>d</sup> for s <sup>d</sup> year — — — — —	6-10-0-0
To Edward Phelps for Keeping y <sup>e</sup> School Master an <sup>d</sup> for s <sup>d</sup> year — — — — —	6-10-0-0
To Joshua Houghton for y <sup>e</sup> Vessel — — — — —	0-08-6-0
To Aaron Or good for money to y <sup>e</sup> Vessel — — — — —	22-15-0-0
To Aaron Willard for y <sup>e</sup> Deficiency of y <sup>e</sup> Rates of John Nichols Abraham Despre James Stone Nathanael Gates and David Sawyer in y <sup>e</sup> year. s <sup>d</sup> Aaron Willard was Constable — — — — —	2-4-7-0
To Joshua Houghton for Carrying Zephaniah Putings wife through y <sup>e</sup> Town — — — — —	0-7-6-0
To m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Palmer for Keeping school one Quarter	11-5-0-0
To Henry Haskel for his son being Rated before he was of age — — — — —	1-1-7-0
To John Beaman Jun <sup>r</sup> for y <sup>e</sup> Rates of his son before he was of age — — — — —	1-1-7-0
To s <sup>r</sup> John Carter One Pound six pence three pence s <sup>d</sup> Carter paid too much when he was Treasurer — — —	1-0-6-0



To Heseckiah Gates for mending of Shocks £ 0-1-3  
 To ~~Joshua Houghton~~ by m<sup>y</sup> of 6-4  
 To Josiah Sawyer for Venech  
 To money Paid Jonathan Balle as one of y<sup>e</sup> Town  
 of Town - - - - - 2-5-0-0

The Sum total is of d<sup>r</sup> order is £ 104-17-0  
 1 11-3

To Josua Phelps for Plancks - - - £ 106 8-3

And there is yet Due from sd Treasurer <sup>new tenor</sup> 24-0-9-3  
 For the Sum of - - - - -

which we have ordered said Treasurer Carter  
 to Pay to Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephraim Wilder Treasurer  
 for y<sup>e</sup> year 1750 and have given said Treas  
 urer Wilder order to <sup>we</sup> pay of same & to pay out  
 of same as he shall Receive order from y<sup>e</sup>  
 Select men

Oliver Wilder  
 William Richardson } Select  
 men

Now follows an account of

approve way February 26 1750

Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Oliver Moor

then laid out approve way two Rod wide in Lancaster additional  
 grant it began at or near y<sup>e</sup> Causeway South of Thomas Sawyers farm  
 and is laid in said Sawyers land one Hundred & fifty four Rod  
 to y<sup>e</sup> land of Joseph Moor then in said Moor land sixty eight  
 Rod to y<sup>e</sup> land of Amiah Beaman and then in sd Amiah  
 land one Hundred Rod to y<sup>e</sup> land of Sam<sup>l</sup> Kendal near his  
 House with a range of marked trees on y<sup>e</sup> North Side of sd Road  
 there is allow ane for said way in sd Land also said ane  
 approve way for convenience of passing and the riding to it  
 from Shrewsby leg it begins att y<sup>e</sup> Ketward land out for  
 Nathanael Sawyer on Still Water River aboute eight Rod  
 from said River and Run in Land of Luceanah Howae  
 twelve Rod to Common then in Common land One Hund  
 red & thirty six to y<sup>e</sup> land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Wm<sup>l</sup> Payer then in sd  
 Payer land eighty four Rod to the land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Grand 11200  
 then in sd Grand land six Rod to y<sup>e</sup> land of Thomas Sawyer  
 and then in sd Sawyer land fifty two Rod to y<sup>e</sup> Abene sd way  
 with a Rang of marked trees on y<sup>e</sup> North Side laid out by David Payer  
 and Oliver Moor Select men Road before y<sup>e</sup> Town March y<sup>e</sup> 4 1750  
 and Executed by a Vote Entered y<sup>e</sup> Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Clerk



att a meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster  
Legally assembled on y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1750  
Holding first Precinct in the forenoon after y<sup>e</sup> Valer were

1<sup>ly</sup> Read Voted & Chose Callonah Wilder Moderator to manage  
said meeting - - -

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Colonel Oliver Wilder Sen<sup>r</sup> William Richardson  
Capt David Orgood Dea Oliver Moor & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>  
~~was chosen~~ Voted Select men

Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk - - -

Voted & Chose Ephraim Divoul Constable for y<sup>e</sup> West side of North side

Voted & Chose Silas Brigham Constable for y<sup>e</sup> South side of

off y<sup>e</sup> way - - -

Voted & Chose David Wilder Town Treasurer - - -

Voted & Chose Ephraim Rogers John Gibbs Ezra Houghton -

Capt John Bennett John Phillips Jun<sup>r</sup> Amos Sawyer

Let John Carter & John Wheelock Surveyors of High ways

Voted & Chose Benjamin Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> and Joseph

Bennett were chosen fence viewers Voted to let y<sup>e</sup> Hags

Run at large this Present year - - -

Voted & Chose Josiah Mallard Isaac Rugg Jonathon

Lowers Phineas Sawyer ~~was chosen~~ field Drivers

Voted and Chose Heretiah Gates & Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>

to Prosecute such as shall set fire unlawfully - -

Voted & Chose Jonathon Fairbank & James Carter

Preservers of Deer

Voted & Chose Nathaniel Sawyers Benjamin Orgood

Josiah Kendra Timothy Rob<sup>t</sup> ~~was chosen~~ Felling men

Voted & Chose Amos Sawyer Feathers of leather

Voted & Chose Heretiah Gates Surveyor of hingles Clabords

and Bords after y<sup>e</sup> Chose off Town officers of town buck under

Consideration of other Part of y<sup>e</sup> warrant Relating to Granting taxa for y<sup>e</sup>

Town & School &

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted a Tax of fortyfive Pound Lawfull money for y<sup>e</sup>

Support of y<sup>e</sup> School and other Necessary Charge belonging to  
town of year Inking and



I also a tax of Sixtyfive Pound Lawfull money to be paid out  
in of High ways Private ways & Bridges this Present year and  
that the Surveyor of Highways follow the same Rule that way  
Valed last year both as to of Price of Labour and the time  
When it shall be Done is also of getting of Money of those  
that are Delinquent and then the Town Valed to a day of meeting  
to of Second Monday of may Next at three of Clock in of after  
noon and according to it Oliver Wilder Moderator for Meeting  
was adjoined  
The Foregoing Entered of Joseph Wilder Junr Town Clerk

October the 9<sup>th</sup> 1749 then laid out a private way from the Land  
of Benja Glaizer to meeting House in of West Precinct in Comers  
Two Rod wide beginning at id Glaizers Land and Runn through of Land  
of de<sup>r</sup> Joseph Moor Seventy eight Rod then on Common Land  
three Rod to Land of John Wilder and thence on Wilders Land  
on the West side of his house & Barn Eighty eight Rods on  
a straight line to White Oaks in of Townline and thence on  
west side of of Townline thirty four Rod to of twenty acre Land  
and along on of Townline still twenty two Rods to a heap of stones  
and thence back of Town line and Runn still on a winder  
twenty acre Land Eighty seven Rod to of twenty acre Lot of  
m<sup>r</sup> John Fairbanks and thence on of twenty acre Land two  
Hundred & four Rod to of Land of John Brooks and then on  
said Brooks Land Eighty six Rod to of Deviding line  
and One Hundred & forty five to Land of James Rendal and  
thence on id Rendal Land thirty five Rod to Charlestown  
from thence on Charlestown farm One Hundred & ten Rod to of  
Deviding line as we suppose and thence on id Farm One Hundred  
and thirty Rod to Land of Thomas Sprague about Eight Rods  
to Land of Eliza Sawyer thence through of Land of Eliza  
Sawyer on of five side of his House and along on of side  
still to of line of of Land of of Rev John Mellen and along  
by the line of id Mellen Land to of Road by id meeting house  
two Hundred and thirty four Rod on said Eliza Sawyers Land  
Capt David Orshead Oliver Moor & Joseph Wilder Junr Seal to  
the above way was Read Before the Town March of 4<sup>th</sup> 1750  
and Excepted by a Vote Entered of Joseph Wilder Junr Town Clerk



March of 7<sup>th</sup> 1750 / then Joshua Houghton one of Constables  
made Return that he had Warned all the Town Officer that  
Was Chosen at of Annual meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup> Instant with of  
Assistance of Mr Jack of other Constable & Greable to of Life & Action  
red to him to take the Oathes (Required by Law) to the faithful Dis-  
charge of their Respective Offices And that A great Part of  
them Was Sworn before of Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> on 7<sup>th</sup> of  
March Benjamin Eggar Sworn March 7<sup>th</sup> 1750 Before Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Dwork Sworn as Constable & that he had not Paid of  
Bills of Neighbouring Provinces Since of last of March 1750  
by Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>

Oliver Wilder William Richardson David Eggar & Oliver Moor  
and Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> Was Sworn as Apsent for of  
year 1751 on May 13<sup>th</sup> 1751 Before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Wil-  
der as like Wife of Bath for Not  
Callonal Oliver Wilder William Richardson David Eggar & Joseph  
Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> & Oliver Moor Was Sworn Apsent for of year 1751 on May  
13<sup>th</sup> 1751 Before the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>

Whereas Tom Ephraim Dwork one of Constables of Lancaster  
bearing His Majesty's Name You are Required to warn all the free  
Holden or other Inhabitants of Town of Lancaster that are within your  
Parish to meet at of meeting Which have an Estate of free Hold  
in Land with in this Province or Freeitery to of Value for ty Shillings per annum  
or other Estate to of Value of forty Pounds Sterling to Assemble on Monday  
the 13 Day of May next at ten of Clock in of four noon at of meeting House  
then and there to Elect & Depute one or more Persons who are Resident  
and free Holdens in said Town to serve for & Represent them at a Great &  
General Court or Assembly, Appointed to be convened held & kept at of Court  
House in Boston for his Majesty's service on Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this  
instant May and from Day to Day During their session and sessions & to  
here of fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Damp Here  
in at or before in Day to some one of us of Subscribers here of fail not

Dated at Lancaster May 7<sup>th</sup> 1751 Oliver Wilder William Richardson & Joseph Wilder  
Jelid men the other warrant Committed to Elias Brigham the other Constables  
of ty Same tenor of of former the Return

Whereas Lancaster May 10<sup>th</sup> 1751 by Verhue of the within warrant  
I have Warned all the free Holden & other Inhabitants Qualified to Vote  
in town as within to meet at time and Place within Directed

Ephraim Dwork Constable of Lancaster



At Aleagal Meeting on May the 13<sup>th</sup> 1751 at y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House in the first Precinct in sd Town at Nine o'Clock for  
the Chone of a Representative after the select men had Read  
the List of Voters Voters was Called for for the Chone of a Representative  
And Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Was Chosen

Whereas y<sup>e</sup> To the free Holders & Other Inhabitants  
of y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster qualified to Vote in Town affairs  
Greeting In his Majesty's Name you are Required to meet  
at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in the first Precinct in sd Town on Monday  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of March Next at Nine o'Clock in y<sup>e</sup> Morning to Consider  
or of And Act upon the several Articles here after mentioned  
1<sup>st</sup> To Chouse a Moderator to manage sd meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> To Chouse Town officers it being your Annual meeting for that Purpose  
3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Tax for y<sup>e</sup> Support of y<sup>e</sup> School & for other necess  
any Charges arising in the Town this Present year  
4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax to be worked out in the Highways Private ways &  
bridges this Present year & to say in what Manner & at what  
time of year it shall be Done & though much a Day for men &  
seems  
5<sup>th</sup> To Accept of any ways that have ben laid out this year  
in sd Town  
6<sup>th</sup> To Give m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Allen senear & m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>  
liberty to work out their Highway Rates this year between  
their house & the way that leads to m<sup>r</sup> John Percotts over  
the Spring which are Very Difficult to pass  
7<sup>th</sup> To See if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Allow the way that leads Down on y<sup>e</sup> East side  
of y<sup>e</sup> River on y<sup>e</sup> Intervail to be a bridle Road & Likewise the Road that  
leads to M<sup>r</sup> Ruir above twenty Acres And if Deacon White will not  
allow it to be a bridle Road by his Intervail to See if the Town will  
any other ways Provide a Road or mend the old one  
8<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Allow any Person or Persons to work  
out their Rates or any Part of them in making or mending a  
way abrovt South meadow where it is much need & used the ne  
in open Road Lancaster February y<sup>e</sup> 17 1752 by order  
of select men Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk



Att alcagat meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster on y<sup>e</sup>  
second Day of March 1752 att nine O'Clock in the forenoon  
Agreable to y<sup>e</sup> foregoing Warrant or Notification.

- 1<sup>ly</sup> Voted And Chose Call Wilder moderator for y<sup>e</sup> meeting.
- 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Dea Oliver moor  
Heremiah Gates Ephraim Carter & Thomas ~~Porter~~ Purpree  
Was chosen Selectmen
- 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> ~~Was Chosen~~ Town Clerk
- 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Capt Abijah Willard Constable for the North side of y<sup>e</sup>  
in y<sup>e</sup> town & Daniel Halbut was Chosen for y<sup>e</sup> West side ~  
~~Call Wilder was Chosen Treasurer~~  
Elisha Sawyer James Carter ~~James Fairbank~~ Jonas Fairbank  
Jonathan Knight Nathanael White Isaac Kilburn & Ruben Rugg  
Was Chosen Surveyors of Highway.
- Voted & Chose Benjamin Houghton & Ezra Sawyer was Chosen  
Sene Viewers - - - Benj<sup>a</sup> Ballard was Chosen Survey of Clabbers  
and Shingle. Amos Sawyer was Chosen sealer of Leather  
Peter Green & Ezra Houghton was Chosen field drivers  
James Houghton<sup>Jun<sup>r</sup></sup> & James Wilder Was Chosen to Propagate such as  
Killed the Deer Contrary to Law --  
Benj<sup>a</sup> Ballard & Joshua Phelps was Chosen to Propagate such as  
set fire unlawfully Voted & Chose Capt Ephraim<sup>Jun<sup>r</sup></sup> Wilder & James  
Wilder Jonathan Fairbank & Ezra Houghton Was Chosen tything men

Voted At ax of forty Pounds Lawfull money for y<sup>e</sup> Support  
of y<sup>e</sup> School & Other necessary Charge which may arise in y<sup>e</sup>  
Town this year Voted a tax of One Hundred Pounds Lawfull  
Money to be worked out in the Highway Private ways & Bridges  
this Present year Voted that messures Ebenezer Allen sen<sup>r</sup> &  
Ebenezer Allen Jun<sup>r</sup> have liberty to Work out their Highway Rates on  
the Gaters between their House & the Road that Lead to m<sup>r</sup> John Prescott  
Jun<sup>r</sup>: this Present year

Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Heremiah Gates have liberty to Work out his  
Highway Rate in making a Causaway over the South meadow  
this Present year where it is now Used and any other Person or  
Persons that Have agreed to work at y<sup>e</sup> Causaway have liberty to  
Work as much as m<sup>r</sup> Gates Rate is this Present year  
then the Meeting was adjourned to  
y<sup>e</sup> Second Wednesday of May next - Oliver Wilder modera



An account of the Select men manning the Prudentals of  
Town for y<sup>e</sup> Year 1752 And in the first Place we have made  
a Town & County Rate of fifty one Pound fourteen Shillings & five  
pence one farthing And Committed left there of to y<sup>e</sup> Constables  
this year Chosen Viz<sup>t</sup> to m<sup>r</sup> Silas Brigham one of y<sup>e</sup> Constables  
the Sum of 27-13-7-3; with Warrant to Gather the Same  
and Orders to Pay Cap<sup>t</sup> Daniel Haywood County Treasurer or  
his Successor in office the Sum of 5-3-2; at or before y<sup>e</sup> Last Day  
of March 1752. We have also ordered s<sup>d</sup> Constable Brigham to pay  
m<sup>r</sup> David Wilder Town Treasurer the Sum of twenty two pound  
ten Shillings five pence three Farthings at or before y<sup>e</sup> Last of  
March 1752. To m<sup>r</sup> Ephram Divoul the Other Constable  
we have Committed left of 24-0-3-2 And Warrant to Ge-  
ther the Same And orders to Pay the Same to m<sup>r</sup> David Wil-  
der Town Treasurer at or before the Last Day of March 1752-  
We have given s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer Wilder Orders to Receive s<sup>d</sup> Sum  
and to pay out the Same as He shall Receive Orders of y<sup>e</sup>  
Select men. We have made a Province Rate of 226-6-0  
Lawfull money and Committed left there of to y<sup>e</sup> Constables  
Above s<sup>d</sup> & Certified to y<sup>e</sup> the Province Treasurer the Sums Commit-  
ted to Each of s<sup>d</sup> Constables We have also made a Highway  
Rate of Sixty five Pound Lawfull money & Committed left  
there of to y<sup>e</sup> Surveyors this year Chosen & have Given them  
orders to see the Same worked out in y<sup>e</sup> Highways Private  
ways & at Bridges in s<sup>d</sup> Town this Present year and have  
ordered them to make Return of their left to y<sup>e</sup> Select men  
We have also Recored with Cap<sup>t</sup> Ephram Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> -  
Town Treasury for the year 1750 And find that he was  
to Receive of m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Houghton One of y<sup>e</sup> Constables the  
Sum of - - - - - £ 34-10-6-3  
of Sam<sup>l</sup> Locky Other Constable the Sum of - - - 20-6-9-0  
of Ephraim Carter Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1749 the Sum of 12-16-5-0  
The whole sixty seven Pound thirteen Shillings 67-13-8-3  
Eight pence three farthings - - - - -



We find that Said Treasurer hath Paid A Greable  
 To His Orders As follows Viz<sup>t</sup> To m<sup>r</sup> Jopiah Swan  
 for Keeping School & board — — — — — £ 21-1-11  
 To m<sup>r</sup> Jopiah Swan — — — — — 3-15-10  
 To the Overseers for making Rates for y<sup>e</sup> 1750 0-10-0  
 To Joseph Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> — — — — — 0-11-0  
 Capt David Orgood — — — — — 0-7-0  
 Den Oliver Moor — — — — — 0-4-0  
 Cole Wilder — — — — — 0-4-4  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> William Richardson — — — — — 0-8-0  
 To Nehemiah Wood for two Springpieces for Capt  
 Bennetts Bridge for — — — — — 0-0-8  
 To Abijah Wyman for what he hath bin over Rated  
 by Reason of his land lying in Bolton — — — — — 0-2-5  
 To Joshua Houghton for what he hath bin over Rated  
 To m<sup>r</sup> Jopiah Swan for Keeping School & Board 7-13-5  
 To Joseph Whitcomb for his son Rated before he was of age 0-2-3  
 To the Additional County Rate — — — — — 1-0-7  
 The sum total paid is — — — — — £ 36-19-4  
 The Balance Due to y<sup>e</sup> Town is — — — — — 31-1-4 3

Which we have Ordered Treasurer Ephraim  
 Wilder to Pay to m<sup>r</sup> David Wilder Treasurer for  
 the year 1751 and have Ordered Said David Wilder  
 to Receive the said sum of 31-1-4 3 lawful  
 money & to pay out the same as he shall Receive orders  
 from the select men

Oliver Wilder 1 Select  
 William Richardson 2 men  
 David Orgood

The Hon<sup>le</sup> Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 made Return that he had sworn  
 all the Town officers Except  
 Ezra Sawyer & the Overseers on  
 the Day 6th on y<sup>e</sup> Second Day of  
 March 1752 the Overseers since  
 Sworn before Oliver Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>



At a meeting of the Inhabitants of Lancaster Legally  
Assembled on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of May: for the Chose  
of a Representative Voter was Called for and Joseph Wilder  
J<sup>r</sup> was Chosen: then Came on the March meeting which  
stood Adjourned from the first Monday of March to y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Day of  
May three O'Clock in y<sup>e</sup> after noon Several ways was Read before  
the Town which had bin laid out in Lancaster second Precinct  
for their acceptance but Voted in y<sup>e</sup> Negative: then there was  
Amotion made & seconded to Reconsider a Vote that Passed  
the last March meeting giving M<sup>r</sup> Heretiah Gates a liberty  
to work out his Highway Rate this year over South meadow -  
the Vote was Put & Passed in y<sup>e</sup> Affermative that the same should  
be Reconsidered & that s<sup>d</sup> Gates should not have liberty to work  
out his Rates over South meadow Enclered of Joseph Wilder J<sup>r</sup> Clerk  
May y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1752

To the free Holders & Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
Greeting Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs Greeting -  
In his Majesty's Name you are Required to meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House in y<sup>e</sup> first Parish in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March  
next at 10 O'Clock in the fore noon then and there to Consider of and  
Act upon the Particulars here after mentioned V<sup>t</sup> -  
y<sup>e</sup> to Chouse a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting -  
y<sup>e</sup> to Chouse all Town Officers Required by Law to be Chosen it being  
your Annual March meeting  
y<sup>e</sup> to Grant a tax to Defray the necessary Charge that may  
arise in the Town this Present year as the School &c -  
as also to Grant a tax to be worked out in the Highway & private  
ways this year  
y<sup>e</sup> to Accept of any Town way, that have bin laid out in s<sup>d</sup> Town  
the year past also to See if the Town will Agree with M<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph House for a way through his meadow where the way  
was formerly laid to South meadow  
y<sup>e</sup> to if the Town will Allow those People that live near the  
Bridge by Sawyers to work out their Highway Rates at s<sup>d</sup> Bridge  
or See if the town will do anything Relating to that way and Bridge  
Lancaster February 14<sup>th</sup> 1753 By order of the Select men  
Joseph Wilder J<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk



At a meeting of the free Holders and other Inhabitants of  
the Town of ~~Leicester~~ of Leicester. Legally assembled agree-  
able to a before said Notification on y<sup>e</sup> 5 Day of March 1753  
at ten O'clock in y<sup>e</sup> fore noon at y<sup>e</sup> meeting House in y<sup>e</sup> first Precinct  
in sd Town - - -

ly Voted and chose Callonal Oliver Wilder ~~moderator~~ to Town & m<sup>r</sup>  
Cap<sup>t</sup> David Osgood Dea Oliver m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder m<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Wilder and Ephraim Carter was Chosen Select men - - -  
Joseph Wilder m<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Town Clerk - - -

m<sup>r</sup> Edward Robin was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> North side of the  
Road m<sup>r</sup> David Jewet was Chosen Constable for y<sup>e</sup> South  
side the way Dea Joshua Fairbank ~~id est~~ was Chosen  
Town Treasurer <sup>assistant</sup> Thomas Garey Sheremiah Ballard Abijah  
Wyman Joshua Fletcher Zephaniah Williams Joseph Whitcomb  
John Goodridge Daniel Robens was Chosen Surveyors of Highways  
And also Daniel Willard ~~was~~ was Chosen Surveyors - - -  
Jeremiah Harkel & Amos Knight m<sup>r</sup> was Chosen Tything men  
~~for~~ m<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Houghton and Jeremiah Burpee was Chosen  
Tything men Voted that the Swine shall Run at large this  
Year m<sup>r</sup> John Snow and Thomas Mendal was Chosen Field drivers  
Also m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wilder and m<sup>r</sup> Peter Green was Chosen  
Joseph White and James Houghton <sup>Chose</sup> were Viewers  
Amos Sawyer was Chosen Sealer of Leather

Deacon Houghton and Thomas Garey was Chosen to  
Prosecute Such as Kill Deer Unlawfully

Abijah Wyman was Chosen Surveyor of Clabds and Mingle  
Afa Whitcomb was Chosen Surveyor of Highway - - -

Voted and granted a tax of thirty five Pounds Lawfull  
money for y<sup>e</sup> Support of the School and other necessary Charges  
that may arise in the Town this Present year - - -

Voted and granted a tax of One Hundred and fifteen  
Pounds Lawfull money to be wrought out in the Highway  
Private way and Bridges in y<sup>e</sup> same term and at y<sup>e</sup> same  
wage as was stated the last year as stated before in y<sup>e</sup> year 1750  
then the Warrant was returned to the said Justice of May next at 30 (P<sup>er</sup> cent)  
Entered H. Joseph Wilder m<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk Oliver Wilder Moderator  
William



The Account of the Select men Managing the Prudentiely of  
 town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1752 — we have made a Province Rate for the year  
 above of 168-8 and Committed left to y<sup>e</sup> Constable to Collect to wit  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Abijah Will and one of the Constables the Sum of 16-11 —  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Halbert the other Constable the Sum of Eighty nine pence  
 we have made a town and County Rate of forty six pound three  
 and nine pence forty Pound for y<sup>e</sup> town Rate and six pound three  
 and nine pence for y<sup>e</sup> County Rate and Committed left there of to  
 the Constable with warrants Impowering them to gettor the same  
 to wit to Cap<sup>t</sup> Abijah Will and one of the Constables the Sum of twenty  
 one Pound Seven Shilling and nine pence and have Given  
 him a warrant Impowering him to Collect the same with  
 orders to pay the same to wit Six pound three Shilling  
 and nine pence to Major Daniel Haywood County treasurer  
 or his Successor in office the Sum of six at or before the last  
 Day of March next also fifteen pound four Shilling to Caleb  
 Wilder Town Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year we have also Committed left  
 of the Sum of twenty four pound sixteen shilling the Remainder  
 of the Above s<sup>d</sup> Sum of 46-3-9 to Daniel Albert the other Const  
 able with orders to pay the same to Caleb Wilder's Treasurer at  
 or before the last of March next and have also Given said  
 Treasurer Wilder Order to Receive the same and to pay out  
 as he shall Receive Orders from the Select men

We have also Received with m<sup>r</sup> David Wilder Town Treasurer  
 for the year 1751 and find that he had orders to Receive the  
 the Sums following viz of m<sup>r</sup> Selas Bingham the Sum of twenty  
 two pound ten shilling five pence three farthings and also of Ephra  
 em Divoul the Sum of twenty four pound nine pence two farthings  
 as also of Ephraim Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup> Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1750 the sum  
 of thirty one pound one shilling and four pence three farthings  
 the whole the Sum of seven ty seven pound twelve Shilling & Eight pence  
 and hath Paid out the same a Greable to the Orders Drawn on  
 him by the Select men as follows to wit  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Brown for Keeping school - - - - - £ 7-18-8  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Josiah Swan for Keeping school - - - - - 6-3-0  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Samlack Jun<sup>r</sup> for Keeping school - - - - - 7-15-9  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Lat for Keeping school 3 week - - - - - 1-18-8  
 to m<sup>r</sup> Albe Willard for Keeping school - - - - - 0-6-8

24-2-9



To Joseph Wilder Inn for making Rats coming & mooring	£0-15-
to m <sup>r</sup> Heretiah Gater for plank & y <sup>e</sup> stock	0-13-
to Capt Elaxder Osborn for his Land Rats laying in Bolton	0-2-
to Andrew Wilder for plank	0-18-
to m <sup>r</sup> Epebrann Carter	0-0-
to Andrew Wilder five Shilling, & four pence for Plank for y <sup>e</sup> Necklaid	0-5-
The whole of what is paid is twenty six pounds	£2-15-
Eighteen Shilling, and four pence the Balance	24-2-
Due to y <sup>e</sup> town is fifty Pound fourteen shilling	26-18-
and four pence	77-12-8
	£50-14-4

We have Ordered s<sup>d</sup> Treasurer Wilder to pay the Sum of fifty Pound fourteen Shilling, and four pence to Caleb Wilder Treasurer for y<sup>e</sup> year 1752 there are several orders which was Drawn on s<sup>d</sup> David Wilder now in y<sup>e</sup> Constables hands which are to answer as money to Treasurer Caleb Wilder

Joseph Wilder  
Oliver moor  
Thomas Brope  
Ephraim Carter

Select Men

Witness s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wilder Inn Town Clerk

Lancaster March the 2<sup>d</sup> 1753 then laid out a private way in Lancaster from the way that is laid up to y<sup>e</sup> Townline that lead up by m<sup>r</sup> Switzer the way that is laid in Leominster by Phineas Carter we began at Abblackoak Above the Brickyard and is laid twenty Rods through the Land of Mosey Orgood and forty times Rods through the Land of John Serjant and thirty four Rods through the Land of James Carter to y<sup>e</sup> Leominster Road Above s<sup>d</sup> at y<sup>e</sup> Townline said way is three Rods wide and lieth on the North and North East Side of the Marked tree the Persons whose Land the way is laid through have all agreed to take the Common Allowance laid out by Nathanael Sawyer Inn and James Carter by Order of the Select men Entered s<sup>d</sup> Joseph Wilder Inn Town Clerk  
Read & Allowed Month of 5 1753



Lancaster February the 8<sup>th</sup> 1753 then laid out a Town  
Way from Leut Suber Beaman to Josiah Wilders we began  
at Blackrock on the County road North from S<sup>d</sup> Beaman house  
and Run on S<sup>d</sup> Beaman's land sixty three Rods and from there  
on Land of the Heir of Elias Sawyer late of Bolton Sec<sup>d</sup> and  
on Land of J<sup>r</sup> Heir of Jonathan <sup>deputy</sup> to Land of Joseph Moor then  
on S<sup>d</sup> Moor 50 Acre Land 80 Rod then on Oliver Moor 50 Acre and  
16 Rod then on S<sup>d</sup> Oliver Moor thirty Acre Land 24 Rod then on  
Joseph Moor 50 Acre Land 83 Rod then on Forest Moor thirty Acre  
Land thirty seven Rods to Aways laid out to John Glasen to Lancaster  
Said Way is two Rods wide and is laid on y<sup>e</sup> North west Side of the  
Marked trees there was three Acre allowed in the fifty Acre Land  
and there was Allowance in Joseph Moor thirty Acre Land  
Oliver Moor thirty Acre Land both no Allowance Laid out  
by order of the Select men by Oliver Moor and  
Read before the Town and Accepted on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1753  
Entered J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder Int Town Clerk

Lancaster April the 22<sup>d</sup> 1752 then laid out a private Way  
we began at y<sup>e</sup> Highway near the Millpond on Wakapack brook  
and is laid through the Land of Moses Briggs One Hundred  
and thirty three Rods that Part of Said Way is y<sup>e</sup> North side  
from thence it is laid through the Land of Amos Wilder  
thirty seven Rods then through the Land of the Widow  
Parker 19 Rods to Leominster East line then we look y<sup>e</sup>  
Way at Leominster South line in Town Houghton Houghton  
fifty Acre Land and Run One Hundred forty five Rods on  
y<sup>e</sup> Land to y<sup>e</sup> other way Said Road is three Rods wide and is laid  
out on the North Side of the Marked trees laid out by  
Thomas Burrage & Ephraim Center Select men  
Read before y<sup>e</sup> Town March 5<sup>th</sup> 1753  
and Accepted Entered J<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wilder Int Town Clerk



William Richardson Esq made Return that he  
Sworn the Officers that was Chosen at y<sup>e</sup> Annual me  
Meeting on y<sup>e</sup> 5 of March 1753 to there Respective off  
viz Peter Green John Carter John Snow Abijah Wyman  
Josua Fletcher Thomas Kendal Dward Roberts Benjamin  
Houghton Zephariah Williams Asa Whitcomb Jeremiah  
Burpee Ephraim Willard James Houghton Thomas Garey  
John Goodridge Sherebiah Ballard William Richardson Junr  
Joseph Wilder Junr and David Wilder was Sworn to their  
Respective officers before Judg Wilder: Cap<sup>t</sup> David Orgood  
and Ephraim Carter was Sworn before William Rich  
ardson Esq

Lancaster may 16 1748  
the account of a Road Laid out in the North  
part of Lancaster begins at the Road that Leads to  
Lancaster from Mr. Phillips field and runs down  
to John Whites Bridge marked on the North side three Rods  
then 4 Rods side in Canon Land then 90 Rods in Joseph  
Whelocks Land then 60 Rods in Joseph Whelocks Land and  
then 25 Rods in Joseph Wilders Land then 120 Rods in  
James Athertons Land then 12 Rods in Joseph Wilders Land  
and then 26 Rods in Thomas Rights Land then 206 Rods  
in Jacob and Henry Houghtons Land then 190 Rods in  
Hager and wancers Land then 26 Rods in Joseph James Land  
then 40 Rods in Joseph Wilders Land then 102 in  
Josua Phelps Land then 32 Rods in Joseph Willards Land  
then 154 Rods in John Whites Land to the Bridge and is  
out by order of the select men and their order

Hooker & good  
Ebenezer Baman

this may certify to whom it may concern that  
the Road from Phillips to John Whites Bridge was Excavated  
Last may meeting in year 1752 Oliver Wilder modera  
Lancaster March 15<sup>th</sup> 1753

Abijah Willard Town Clerk



At a meeting of the free Holders & Other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Lancaster Legally assembled at y<sup>e</sup> meeting  
House in y<sup>e</sup> first Street in y<sup>e</sup> Town at <sup>on Tuesday the 15 day of May</sup> eleven o'clock in  
the fore noon for the Choeice of a Representative the meeting  
being opened the Select Men called for Votes for a Represen-  
tative and Joseph Wilder Junr was Chosen

On the Adjournment of the Annual March Meeting from  
the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of March <sup>1753</sup> to the Second Wednesday of May last and  
from the Second Wednesday of May <sup>1754</sup> meeting was adjourned to y<sup>e</sup>  
Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May the Town then being met according to  
Said Adjournment At y<sup>e</sup> Request of Joseph Wilder Junr that y<sup>e</sup> Town  
would excuse him from the Service of Town Clerk & House another  
Clerk the Vote being put it Passed in y<sup>e</sup> Affirmative and Votes  
was called for accordingly and Cap<sup>t</sup> Abijah Willard was Chosen  
Town Clerk and took the Oath Relating to y<sup>e</sup> Passing Bills & Reso-  
lutions as also to y<sup>e</sup> Faithful Discharge of y<sup>e</sup> Office of Town  
Clerk Before Joseph Wilder Junr Esq - - - - -

on the adjournment of the annual meeting —  
voted on 4 articles of y<sup>e</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Legitime  
also on the 6 articles of y<sup>e</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Legitime

Oliver Wilder } Moderator  
for said  
meeting

Abijah Willard Town Clerk

April 27<sup>th</sup> 1743 Laid out a direct way in the  
additional grant to Lancaster from the Land of John  
Crosby to the Land of Moses Sawyer two P. 0. 0. 0. with  
a passage of marked trees on the South westerly side thereof  
it begins at the End of the direct way w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> said Crosby's house  
Scarcely one of meadowt coming to Bixby Houghtons and then  
in y<sup>e</sup> said Houghtons Land to Land of Samuel Kincaid and  
in Land of Abnerals to the Land of James Simons and in  
said Simons Land to the Land of Moses Sawyer there  
being a downe for a way in all those in all those Lots  
David Osgood } select men  
Oliver Moor }

Abijah Willard Town Clerk



Lancaster November 2: 1753

this may certify that we the Subscribers have appointed  
Deacon Josiah White and David Wilder to Joyn with such  
as Bolton shall appoint to Preambulate or Run the Lines  
Between the above named Towns

David Osgood

Oliver Moor

Ephraim Carter

} Select  
men of  
Lancaster

Abijah Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster November 12: and 13: 1753 we whose Names  
are here in written appointed by Lancaster and Bolton  
have met and Preambulated Lines between said town  
and Renewed the marks

Josiah White } for

David Wilder } Lancaster

Abijah Willard Town Clerk

Abraham Moor } for Bolton  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilson }

February 18: 1754 here followeth an account of  
the Presidentials affair of the town of Lancaster for  
the year 1753 the select men have made a high way  
Rate of 115 = 0: 0 and have Delivered List of the same  
to the several Jurors of high ways and have ordered  
them to see they be brought out upon the High <sup>ways</sup> ~~short ways~~ & paid  
in said town before Last day of October Last past and made  
Return of the same unto the select men --  
they have also made a Poor rate tax of forty one Pound  
Eight shillings and have Delivered List thereof to Constable  
of said town to Constable David Jewett a List of thirty seven  
Pounds seven shillings and Eleven Pence to Constable  
Edward Robbins a List of thirty four Pounds and one Penny  
and have sent a Certificate to the Groverne Treasurer by  
able to his warrant to us Directed --

We have also assessed the town Inhabitants of the town in  
a town and County Rate in the sum of fifty seven Pounds three  
shillings and eight Pence and have Delivered List thereof to  
the aforesaid Constables with warrants to gather the same  
to Constable David Jewett a List of thirty four Pounds seven  
shillings and one Penny and have ordered him to pay  
the same to Joshua Faybank Town Treasurer by Last  
day of February Instant --



To Constable Edward Robbins a List of twenty six Pounds  
 sixteen shillings and three pence and have ordered him to pay unto  
 Maj<sup>r</sup> Daniel Haywood County Treasurer nine pound five shilling  
 & eight pence and to Joshua Fairbanks Town Treasurer fourteen  
 Pound ten shillings and seven pence by the last day of  
 February as afore said

we have also Reckoned with Capt Caleb Wilder Town  
 Treasurer for the year 1752 and find that he Received  
 of David Wilder Treasurer for the year 1751 = 50:14:4  
 and of the Constables Daniel Albert }  
 and Abijah Willard } 40:0:0  
 the sum Total 90:14:4

and that Capt Caleb Wilder has Paid out  
 By orders of selectmen as followeth viz  
 to Mr. Josiah Brown for keeping the school in } L J  
 said town nine months } 24:0:0

To Capt W<sup>m</sup> Richardson for making Rates } 0:10:5  
 for the year 1751

To David Osgood for making Rates year 1751 } 0:10:1

To Oliver Moor Ditto } 0:10:0

To Coll Wilder Ditto } 0:10:0

To Thomas Bursey for making Rates in year 1752 } 0:10:2

To Capt Joseph Wilder Ditto } 0:3:0

To David Wilder for his Land Lying in Bolton 1752 } 10:0:0

To Alexander Osgood for his Land Lying in Bolton 1752 } 0:11:3:2

To David Osgood for Constable Taxes --- 1753 } 0:18:8:0

To David Wilder for a gallon of Rum at 12 pence 1753 } 0:3:8:3

To Capt Joseph Wilder for a Barrel of Powder 1754 } 6:16:0:0

To Jan<sup>a</sup> Wilder for 200 of bullets & 300 of flints } 3:0:0:0

and there is yet in Treasurer Wilders Hand } 51:0:11:3

which sum we ordered him to pay to Mr Josiah Fairbanks

Town Treasurer for 1753 and have ordered said Treas<sup>r</sup>

from & selectmen and their is no other order from which

are known to said Treasurer Wilder what he has in the Constables

Hands which is to answer as money in the Treasurer

Joshua Fairbanks hands David Osgood

Oliver Moor } selectmen

Joseph Wilder } of the Town

David Wilder } of Lancaster

Abijah Willard Town Clerk



Worcester to the free Holders & other Inhabitants of  
The Town of Lancaster qualified to vote in town Affairs  
greeting in his majesties name you are Required to meet  
at the meeting House in the first Precinct in said town  
on Monday the fourth Day of of March next at nine of the Clock  
in the morning to consider the following Articles —

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hear of two mentioned for said meeting —
- 2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator for said meeting —
- 3<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse Town officers itt being your Annual meeting  
for that Purpose and a County Ineasure,
- 4<sup>ly</sup> to grant a Tax for the support of the school & for other  
Necessary Charers arising in the Town this Present year
- 5<sup>ly</sup> to grant a Tax to be workt out in the High ways and Priv  
ways and Bridges this Present year and to say in what and as  
what time of the year it shall be done & how much a day for men & team
- 6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Chuse a Committee to Rectify the Ro  
and High ways where they have been intruded upon  
and to see that their width is settled according to  
the original Bounds as formerly Laid out
- 7<sup>ly</sup> to Accept of any town ways that has been Laid out year day  
to see if the town will give Samuel Willard a Piece of  
Land on the Easterly side of his Land before his House for  
a Piece of his Intervall Land on the East side of the  
River as the Plats of said Land shall be Laid before the  
town at their meeting in March next
- 8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will grant the petition of John Fairbank & to the
- 9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will give Liberty to John Brooks  
for to turn the Road that goes through his Land whi  
begins at his fence a Crook to the corner of the Pond and  
so from a corner of the Pond to his House and from his House  
over the Canopy which is made to the Road
- 10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town give Liberty to John Joslin to take  
off two Rods of the Road that is Laid to his House  
which is five Rods wide he opening the way three  
Rods wide through his Land towards the Bridge by Capt  
Bennetts to the amount of what he takes of and a 1/2  
to see if the town will allow Capt Bennetts pay for his Land  
taken by the way that is Laid from the Bridge to meet the  
aforesaid way that Lead by said Joslin as also to allow  
said Joslin pay for the Remainder of the way till  
it meets with the other if any there be —

and



and also to see if the town will allow w<sup>o</sup> Roads for  
merely Land <sup>out</sup> of Benmth farm to callie to Run  
when it is now trod by Edward Robbins House

ly to see what the town will do with John Johnson  
and the widow Abigail Kenock for they throw their  
burden on the town as a town charge and grant money  
for the poor of the town

12ly to see if w<sup>o</sup> town will allow w<sup>o</sup> Accounts of John  
Godridge as purveyor for year 1753  
and also to see if w<sup>o</sup> town will allow w<sup>o</sup> Account of  
of M<sup>r</sup> Henry Willard for keeping the widow  
Deborah Willard in her Distractions

Lancaster February 18: 1754  
by order of selectmen Abijah Willard Town Clerk



Capt. David Osgood & Isaac Osgood M<sup>r</sup>. David Wilder  
and Ephraim Carter And Abijah Willard & perfect men  
and Samuel Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>. as town treasurers and Abijah  
Willard as town clerk for the year In June James Nichols  
Joseph Osgood M<sup>r</sup>. John Brooks Ephraim Dool  
Timothy Ross Thomas Kendall Ezekiel Kendall  
Bural Sawyer M<sup>r</sup>. Thomas Bursey Jurors for the year  
In June Isaac Hooker Osgood and John Brannan. M<sup>r</sup>.  
Roger Robbins and Ebenezer Bursey tythingmen Apol Phelps  
Sathaniel White Thomas Dale Nathan Bursey field  
harriers for the year In June Peter Green and Jonathan  
Wilder fine views and Hams Sawyer haller of Luther  
the above some persons have appeared and sworn to the  
office as they they was chosen to by the town  
Joshua Fletcher and Asa Whitchomb for Constables for the year  
In June sworn to the office chosen for before  
Luna after March w<sup>4</sup>: 1744 Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>

Abijah Wyman haller of Plastered Boards and  
things Thomas Bursey Bursey as Jurors  
of High ways for the year In June sworn before  
Joseph Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup>.  
Abijah Willard town Clerk



- At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable  
to the warrant aforesaid Dated & 18 Day of February on  
the fourth Day of March 1754 at Nine of the Clock in  
the morning at the meeting house in the first Precinct  
# in Lancaster and acted on the following articles -
1. Chose Coll Oliver Wilder moderator to govern the meeting  
voted on 2<sup>d</sup> article and Chose <sup>one</sup> these select men namely  
Capt David & good Deacon Oliver Moor David Wilder &  
Ephraim Carter & Abijah Willard for 4 year Insuper  
and Chose Abijah Willard town Clerk every year Insuper  
~~Chose~~ Nathan Rugg was Chose Constable for the North  
side of a Road the town Excepted Joshua Fletcher  
in his Room Asa Whitcomb Chosen Constable  
for 4 South side of the Road -
- Samuel Willard Esq. Chosen town Treasurer  
Isreal Kuckols Joseph Tyeoor Josiah Brooks  
Ephraim Tivoll Timothy Rob Thomas Lincoln  
Ezekiel Lincoln Burell Lawyer Jur and Thomas  
Buryer Surveyor of his way for 4 year Insuper  
Deacon Hooker & good John Braman Jr. Roger Robbins  
Ebenezer Butts Tye thing men for 4 year Insuper  
Asa Phelps Nathaniel White Thomas Tole Nathan  
Buryer Field Driver or for 4 year of Reefs  
Peter Green and Jonathan Wilder fence viewers  
Amos Lawyer Dealer of Leather  
Abijah Wyman Surveyor of Roads (labored & things as
- 3<sup>d</sup> <sup>day</sup> Granted a Tax of twenty Pounds for full money money  
for the support of the school and other necessary charges  
arising in the town this present year
- 4<sup>th</sup> <sup>day</sup> Granted a Tax of one hundred and fifteen Pounds  
to be workt out upon the High ways and Private ways  
and to be workt out at ~~the~~ same wages for men and  
terms as they workt 4 year past

turn over



5 by vote to Chuse a Committee to see that y<sup>e</sup> Road a opened to  
the width as they was formerly Laid, Deacon Joseph  
White Esq. John Bennett and Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard Esq. (Capt  
David Spoor and Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> and as there is complaint  
made by any of the town Inhabitants <sup>to them</sup> as to  
Dismembled where the Roads are intruded upon and go to  
the original Bound or where the Committee shall think Best  
nothing acted and Desmitt  
6 by voted and granted Samuel Willard a piece of Land before his  
House for a piece of his intruded Land for Rod as the place  
of said Land Laid before the town

8 by Jonathan Hartbanks Petition and others adjorne to may 1<sup>st</sup>

9 by John Brooks Petition accepted by the town

10 by adjorne to the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of may next  
and also the town voted that the Road that is now trod  
by Edward Robbins House shall be Excused for the house  
that he has fenced up it being the full width as is  
Laid out

vote on 12 articles to give M<sup>r</sup> Henry Willard for  
keeping the widow Rebecca Willard forty shilling  
Lowell money his giving the town a discharge  
whilst in her Distracted  
his meeting adjorne to the <sup>third</sup> Wednesday of may next  
march 4 1744 Oliver Willard moderator

— Abijah Willard Town Clerk



Whereafter J<sup>s</sup> Laneafter may the 8<sup>th</sup> 1754 to Asa  
 Whitcomb and Joshua Slitcher Constables of said  
 Laneafter these are in his majesties Name to Require  
 you to warn all the Free Holders and other Inhabitants  
 of said within your Precincts that have an Estate  
 of free Hold in Land within this Province or Territory of  
 forty Shilling Per annum at the Least or other  
 Estate to the value of forty Shoures Sterling to  
 meet att the Meeting house in the first Precinct  
 in said town on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant  
 att ten of the Clock in the forenoon then and  
 there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons  
 being freeholders and Resident of said town to  
 serve for Represent them in a Grate and  
 General Court or Assembly appointed to  
 be Convened held and kept for his majesties  
 service att the Court House in Boston  
 upon Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant may  
 att nine of the Clock in the morning and from  
 Day to Day during their sessions or sessions &c  
 hereof fail Not to make Return of this warrant  
 with your Doings therein att or before the Day  
 to sum one of us the subscribers hereof fail not.

Dated att Laneafter may 8<sup>th</sup> 1754  
 David Osgood }  
 Oliver Moor } Electmen  
 Ephraim Carter } of the town  
 Jacob Wilder } of Laneafter

Abijah Willard Town Clerk

Laneafter may 20<sup>th</sup> 1754 by virtue of their  
 warrants to us Directed we have warned all the free  
 Holders and other Inhabitants in our Precincts  
 Qualified to vote as within the warrants Directed to meet  
 att time and place within mytation  
 Asa Whitcomb Constable



① Worcester to the free holders & other inhabitants of  
the town of Lancaster qualified to vote In town affairs  
greeting in his Majesties name you are Required  
to meet at the meeting house in the first precinct  
in said town on the 14th day of September  
next at one of the clock in afternoon to act  
on the following articles viz —  
1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a moderator for said meeting —  
2<sup>dly</sup> To see what direction the town will give  
the Representative Relating to the Excise —  
Bill which relates to the Private Consumption  
of wines or other spirituous Liquors by Private  
Persons by order of select men of Lancaster  
August 26: 1754 Abijah Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster September 9: 1754  
the town of Lancaster being duly warned  
1<sup>st</sup> (Col Oliver Willard moderator)  
2<sup>dly</sup> ordered the town Clerk to Read an Extract  
from a Bill Intituled an act for granting to his  
majesties an Excise upon wines and spirituous  
Liquors sold by Retail, or consumed within this  
Province and upon Limes Lemons and Oranges  
together together with the Governor speech upon  
and after a Long Debate the Question was put —  
whether the inhabitants and the Sentional parts  
of the said Bill were agreeable to their minds and it  
passed in the affirmative by a grate Majority  
Col Oliver Willard moderator  
Abijah Willard Town Clerk

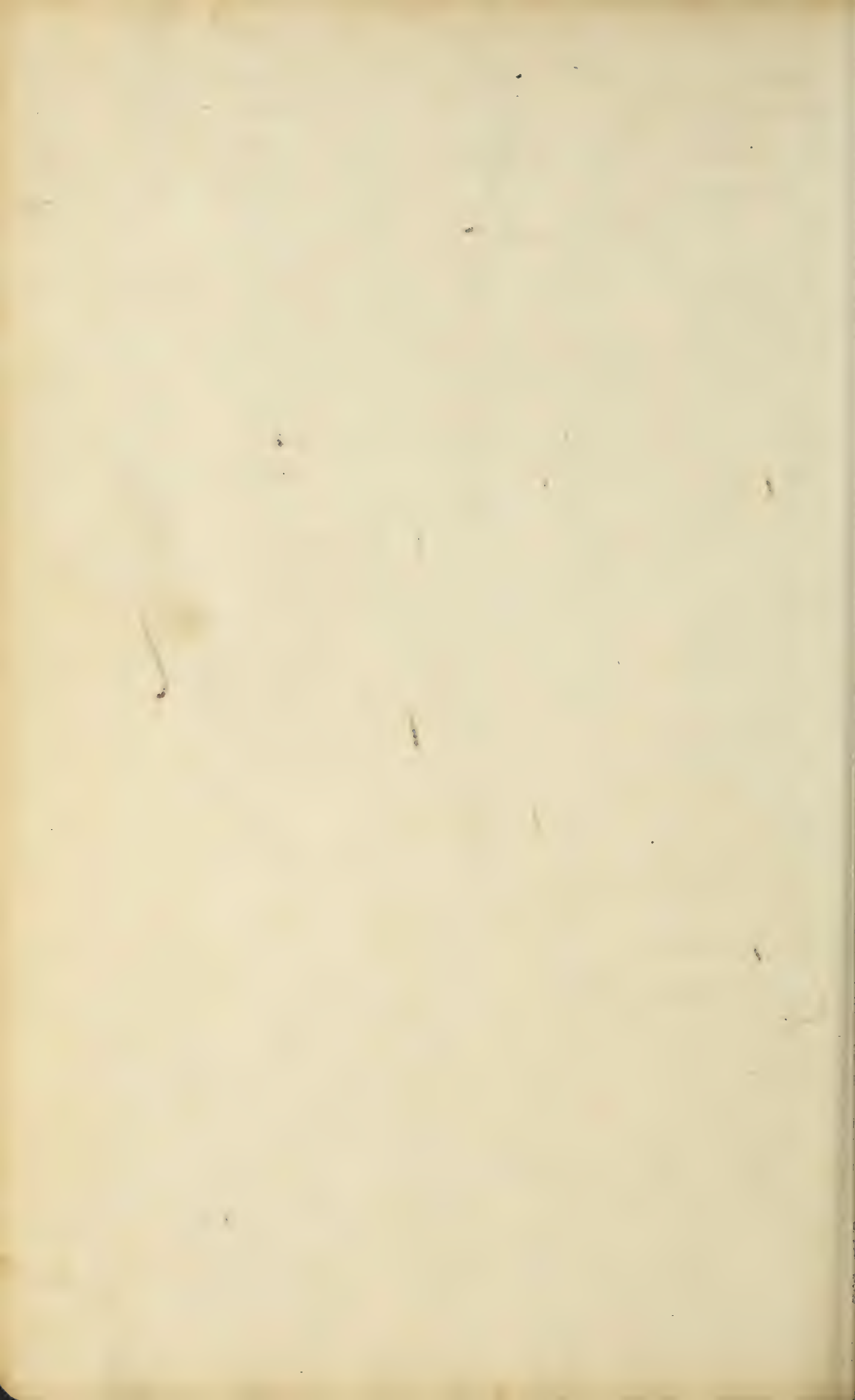


These are therefore to warn the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster, to Meet at the Meeting House  
in the first Precinct in Lancaster, on Monday  
The third Day of February Next at Eleven O'Clock  
in the forenoon, to Act on the following Articles —  
- To Chuse a Moderator for D<sup>o</sup> Meeting —  
- To Give their Advice to their Representative  
how to Conduct in the General Court, respecting  
a General or Partial Union of the Several  
Governments in this North America —  
Given Under our hand. And Seal this Seventeenth  
Day of January. A. 1755 — —

Oliver, Moor, } Select Men  
David Wilder } for y<sup>e</sup> Town  
Ephraim Carter } of Lancaster  
Abijah Willard }  
Abijah Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster February y<sup>e</sup> 30/1755, The Town of Lancaster  
Being duly warned & Met, Agreeable to a Vote of y<sup>e</sup> General  
Court, to Give their Advice to their Representative  
How he shall Conduct himself in y<sup>e</sup> General Court  
respecting y<sup>e</sup> General Plan of Union proposed to be  
Come into, by the Eleven Governments in this North  
America Now upon y<sup>e</sup> Carpet, And after taking  
The D<sup>o</sup> Affair into Consideration have Voted it as  
our Advice that our D<sup>o</sup> Representative oppose  
all Plans of a General or Partial Union that shall  
Any way Encroach Upon y<sup>e</sup> Rights & Privileges  
of the People — — John Bennett Moderator  
Abijah Willard Town Clerk















Worcester p. to the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Qualified to vote in Town Affairs. Greeting;  
In his majesties Name you are Required to meet at the Meeting  
House in the first Precinct in Said Town in ~~Said Town on~~  
on Monday the Third day of march Next at Nine of the Clock  
in the morning to Consider and Act on the following Articles —

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chose a moderator for Said Meeting — — —
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town officers it Being your Annual meeting for that Purpose
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Tax for the Support of the School and for other  
Necessary Charges Arising in the Present year — — —
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax to be worked out in the Highways and Private  
ways & Bridges this Present year. and to say at what time of  
the year it shall be done and how much a day men and  
Oxen & Carts — — — — —  
and also to ~~Accept~~ of any ways that have been Laid out the <sup>past</sup> Year
  - 5<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will give Liberty to Let the Sheep go at  
Large in all or any Part of the Town. and also to See if  
the Town will Give Liberty for the Swine to go on the Common
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Allow so <sup>much</sup> Highway woork as to Cut a  
Ditch aboves sixteen Rods in Doctor Hentons Intervall  
which will Bring the River Straight — — — — —
  - 7<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will turn the Road that is Laid out  
from James Carlow and Nath<sup>l</sup> Sawyers and Accept it where  
it is now Grod. — — — — —
  - 8<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Allow the Petition of Benjamin  
Ballard and others by Reason of the Waters being forced  
out at Capt Bennets Bridge and they hope that it might  
be opened — — — — —
  - 9<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will allow the Petition of Jonathan Fowling  
and others and that they may have Liberty to draw their Part  
of money which they are taxed to the School Rate and pay  
it out within Schooling of their families — — — — —
- Lancaster February the 17<sup>th</sup> 1775 By Order of the Select men  
Abijah Willard Town Clerk  
March the 4<sup>th</sup> 1775 Records of Samuel Willard Town Clerk



1<sup>st</sup> A meeting of the freeholders and other inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable to the Warrant  
Aforesaid Dated at the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>y</sup> and Held on y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> Day of  
March 1755 at Nine of the Clock in the fore Noon at the meet-  
House in the first Precinct in Lancaster and Acted on the  
following Articles. — — — — —

1<sup>st</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> moderators —  
for to Regulate said meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose five Selectmen. Deacon Oliver More. Samuel  
Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>. Deacon Joshua Farebanks. Capt. John Carter.  
Left. Asa Whitcomb for the year Ensuing. — — — — —  
and also Chose Samuel Willard Esq<sup>r</sup> Town Clerk — — — — —

3<sup>rd</sup> Joshua Fletcher Chosen Constable on the North side of  
the Road — — — — —

4<sup>th</sup> Ezekiel Hindall Chosen Constable on the South side of  
the Road — — — — —

5<sup>th</sup> Peter Green Chosen Town Treasurer for the Present year — — — — —

6<sup>th</sup> Surveyors for Highway Chosen, Ephraim Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>r</sup>  
Ballard. Amos Rugg. Jeremiah Burpee. Amariah Turner. Joshua  
Houder. W<sup>m</sup> Phelps. Ebenezer Prescott. Benj<sup>r</sup> Willard Capt. G<sup>r</sup>  
Wildor Jun<sup>r</sup> John Phillips Jun<sup>r</sup> — — — — —

7<sup>th</sup> Tythingmen Chosen for the Ensuing year. Nathaniel Weymar  
Josiah Ballard. Jonathan Farebanks. Samuel Thursting — — — — —

8<sup>th</sup> Field Drivers Chosen for the Present year. Peter Green. Jonathan  
Dought. James Wildor. Thomas Garey. — — — — —

9<sup>th</sup> Game Viewers Chosen Daniel Rugg. Benj<sup>r</sup> Asgood — — — — —

10<sup>th</sup> Capt Carter Chosen Suler of Leather — — — — —

11<sup>th</sup> Left. Ballard Chosen Surveyor for Roads Cabord & Shingle  
12<sup>th</sup> Firewards Chosen. Benj<sup>r</sup> Houghton Jun<sup>r</sup> Phenias How — — — — —

13<sup>th</sup> Searcaps Chosen Jonas Farebanks & Jonathan Wildor  
on the Third Article — — — — —

Vote to Raise fifty Pounds Lawfull Money for the Supp<sup>y</sup>  
of the School and other Necessary Charge that shall  
arise in R. Town — — — — —



On the fourth Article  
Voted to Raise one Hundred and fifteen Pounds Lawfull money  
to be worked out at the Highways Private ways and Bridges in Town  
on the fifth Article  
Voted that the Swine go at Large this Present year in Town  
on the sixth Article  
Voted that there be twenty days work Allowed out of the  
Highway Grant. for to be worked out for Doctor Prentices Entertainment  
In Order to turn the River as Proposd in the Warrent  
on the seventh Article  
Voted that the Road that goeth from James Carters & Nathl.  
Lawyers Be altered. and accepted as it is Now good  
Eight Article Not acted on.  
on the Ninth Article Not acted upon  
Voted that the Highway work be worked out as the last  
years was  
Then voted that this ~~Highway~~ meeting Be adjourned  
to the Third Monday of May Next.

William Richardson Moderator

Recorded March the 4<sup>th</sup> 1755

Samuel Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster February the 25<sup>th</sup> 1755 Laid out by order of the  
Selectmen a Private way Between the House of Samuel Burpee  
and David Nelson. It Began about North East of said Burpees House  
at the End of a Private way formerly Laid out from the House  
of Ben<sup>a</sup> Houghlon to the above mentioned Place: and it Runs on  
the East of S<sup>r</sup> Burpees Stone wall In the Land of Samuel Sawyer  
to the Land of S<sup>r</sup> Burpee and In the Land of S<sup>r</sup> Burpee to the Land  
of Josiah Houghlon and so Between said Houghlons house and Barn  
In S<sup>r</sup> Houghlons Land to the Land of Samuel Sawyer and Amos  
Jewet <sup>right</sup> and Between said Sawyer and Amos Jewets Land to a private  
way Against the House of David Nelson. with a Range of mark  
trees on the west side of said way there Is a allowance made the  
Land it went through for a way

Recorded March 4<sup>th</sup> 1755

Samuel Willard Town Clerk Wm Whitcomb



at a meeting of the Town of Lancaster held on the 2<sup>d</sup> of  
march 1755 and continued by an adjournment to the 3<sup>d</sup> of  
may 1755. Then the Town met according to adjournment and  
reconsidered their order on the fourth article - - -

on the said article voted to raise fifty seven pound  
ten shillings to be worked out this present year on  
the Highways and Bridges at the Rate of - - -

Oliver Wilders Jun<sup>r</sup> Chosen Surveyor for the Town of Lancaster  
Wilders Jun<sup>r</sup>. - - - William Richardson Moderator

Recorded May 17<sup>th</sup> 1755 Samuel Willard Town Clerk



Worcester: 8th October 1755 To Ezekeel Bond Constable  
of the Constables of the Town of Lancaster Shewing  
In His Majesty's Name you are Required forthwith to  
warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to  
Vote In Town affairs within your Precinct to meet at  
the meeting house in the first Precinct In said Town on  
Wednesday the fifteenth Day of October at one of the Clock  
In the afternoon then and there to act on the following

- articles
- 1<sup>ly</sup> To Chouse a Moderator for to Govern said meeting
  - 2<sup>ly</sup> To Chouse a Town Clerk In the Home of Samuel Willard Esqr being absent In His Majesty's Service
  - 3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Chouse Two Select men in the Home of Two now gone into the Service
  - 4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Chouse one to supply the place of Samuel Willard Esqr as Treasurer
- and to make Return of your Doings Herewith before said meeting to some one of us Hereof shall not
- Dated October 8<sup>th</sup> 1755

Oliver Mloor } Select men  
John Carter } of Lancaster  
Joshua Fairbank

Lancaster October 15<sup>th</sup> 1755  
By Virtue of ye within written  
warrant In ~~Haire~~ <sup>renewed</sup>  
all within my Precinct to  
meet at Time and Place within  
mentioned Ezekeel Bond Constable

There was also another warrant of ye same Date and Tenor  
Directed to Joshua Fletcher for the same purpose who  
Returned that he had warned ye Freeholders and other  
Inhabitants In his Precinct Joshua Fletcher Constable  
Lancaster October 15<sup>th</sup> 1755 the Town of Lancaster being  
 duly warned & met & firstly Chose Capt John Bonnett  
Moderator & 2<sup>d</sup> Voted and Chose William Richardson Esqr  
Town Clerk In the Home of Samuel Willard Esqr  
the Question was put whether the Town would Chouse  
two Select men In the Home of Samuel Willard  
Esqr & Capt Wm Whitcomb and it past In ye affirmative  
turn over



then votes way called for by the moderator which  
way brought in and William Richardson Esq  
and Capt David Osgood was chosen two select men  
to look in the House of those gone in ye coming  
on the 4<sup>th</sup> article nothing done

William Richardson Town Clerk

Honorable Lancaster February 7<sup>th</sup> 16. 1756, —

These are in his Majesty's name to warn all the  
freeholders & other Inhabitants of S<sup>t</sup>. Town that are  
Qualified according to Law to vote in town affairs to meet  
at the meeting house in the first Precinct in S<sup>t</sup>. Lancaster  
on Monday the first day of March Next at Nine of the  
Clock in the forenoon then & their to act on following Articles

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To Chuse officers to act & transact the Affairs of Town present

3<sup>rd</sup> To grant so much Money as they shall think sufficient to pay  
the Necessary Charges of S<sup>t</sup>. Town for this present Year —

4<sup>th</sup> To grant a high way rate for this present Year

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the town will vote to allow the Rates of Tho. Wright  
and Ephraim Osgood it being eleven shilling, Six pence  
each to Aaron Osgood Ld Constable of Lancaster —

6<sup>th</sup> To audit of high ways & discontinuing & altering of high  
or by ways as their shall be occasion — — —

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Jon<sup>s</sup>. Fairbank  
and others wherein is that they may have their Money for  
a school among them as set forth in S<sup>t</sup>. Petition Feb<sup>r</sup> 11. 1755

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Caleb Wilder and  
others wherein as follows V<sup>z</sup>: To see whether the town will  
build a school House or permit one to be Build on the Hill abo  
W<sup>m</sup> Joseph Osgood or on some other convenient place in the  
first precinct of Lancaster where the town shall think proper  
in lieu of the other two school Houses in the aforesaid Precinct  
and also to see if the town will grant money to build the same

9<sup>th</sup> and also to see if the Town will Repair the two school Houses  
already Built in the first precinct afores<sup>d</sup>. & keep the same  
for Work & employ Idle & Vagrant Persons that will  
not maintain themselves

W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Town Clerk

Posted up by order of the Select men Rev<sup>d</sup> by Levi Willard Town Clerk



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Lancaster legally assembled agreeable to the Warrant before said  
Date at the 16 day of Febr<sup>y</sup>: 1756, & held on the first day of  
March 1756. at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon at the  
Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster and acted on  
the following Articles -

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Oliver Wilder Esq: Moderator & regular P. Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose 5 Select men Viz: Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq: Cap: David  
Osgood Dea<sup>n</sup> Joshua Fairbank Cap: John Carter  
& Cap: Asa Wheelcomb

3<sup>rd</sup> Chose Cap: Levi Wilcox Town Clerk

4<sup>th</sup> Chose Hezekiah Gates Town Treasure

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Asahel Phelps Constable on the North Side of y<sup>e</sup> Road  
& Lieut: Ezra Houghton Constab<sup>le</sup> on the South side of y<sup>e</sup> Road

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Nath<sup>l</sup>: Wright John Osgood Joseph Hillborne Benj<sup>a</sup>  
Houghton J<sup>r</sup>: W<sup>m</sup>: Fisher Eben<sup>e</sup>: Buss Joseph Wheelock  
Amos Sawyer Lieut: Joshua Phelps & John Glazer.  
Surveyors of the High Ways in P<sup>r</sup> Town

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Abijah Wyman Joseph Abbott Ezekiel Howdall  
& Ephraim Moser Tything men for the ensuing year

8<sup>th</sup> Chose Benj<sup>a</sup>: Houghton John Stewart Mans<sup>r</sup> s<sup>r</sup> Diocle  
& W<sup>m</sup>: Phelps field Drivers

9<sup>th</sup> Chose Joseph White & Jacob Howle Sen<sup>r</sup> Viewers

10<sup>th</sup> Chose Cap: John Carter Scaling Leather

11<sup>th</sup> Chose Abijah Wyman Surveyor of Board, Shingles & Abboards

Chose Jon<sup>a</sup>: Wilder & Jon<sup>a</sup>: Fairbank Deer=keepers

Chose John Prescott & Edward Robbins Firemen  
Lads Jon<sup>a</sup>: Wilder

Turn over



- 11<sup>th</sup> Voted Sixty pounds Lawfull Money to Defray the Charges of the Town for the ensuing Year
- 15<sup>th</sup> Voted Sixty pounds to be Worked out in the ensuing Year on the High Ways at the Rate it was laid on each man in y<sup>e</sup> Year 1755
- 16 Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank Petition <sup>Others</sup> ~~Dismissed~~ adjourn'd to May
- 17 Capt<sup>t</sup> Caleb Wilder Petition & Others ~~Dismissed~~ to May
- 18 Voted that this Meeting be adjourn'd to the third Sunday in May to Nine o'clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon & the Proprietors to ~~be~~ ~~assembled in the afternoon~~
- Oliver Wilder Moderator
- Recorded March 9<sup>th</sup> 1756
- W<sup>m</sup> Willard Town Clerk



February y<sup>e</sup>. 16 1756, — Hier<sup>in</sup> following aud<sup>s</sup>. of the  
Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year  
1755 — Viz: The selectmen have made a Highway  
Rate of fifty seven pounds ten shillings, & have  
Delivered Lists thereof to the severall Surveyors of  
Highways with Direction, to them to see that it be  
wrought out on the high & by ways in said Town  
Agreeable to the Vote of the Town

They have also assessed the Inhabitants of said  
Town in a Province Rate of three hundred & fifty  
four pounds sixteen shillings & have Delivered Lists  
of the same to the Constables of said Town & have sent  
a Certificate thereof to the province Treasure

They have also made a Town & County Rate of  
Twenty two pounds & ten shillings & three pence one  
farthing, Thirteen pounds ten shillings thereof is for the  
County, they have also Delivered Lists thereof to the  
Constables of said Town with warrants to gather the  
same

To Constable Ezekiel Wendall a List of £39. 19. 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
and have given him order to pay unto Gardner  
Chandler County Treasure Seven pounds on or before  
the last day of March next & have also given  
Constable Jordan to pay unto Peter Green Town Treasure  
by the first day of March next — £32. 16. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

To Constable Joshua Fletcher a List of £32. 16. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
and have given him Order to pay unto Gardner  
County Treasure Six pounds ten shillings by the last day  
of March next — we have also given Constable Jordan  
to pay unto Peter Green Town Treasure the sum of £26. 6. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
on or before the first day of March next

and whereas Sam<sup>l</sup>. Willard Esq: was the Town Treasure  
for the year 1755 and the select men on the 17<sup>th</sup> day  
of February, 1755 met with Joshua Fairbank Town  
Treasure for the year 1754 & found that their was in  
his hands the sum of — £50. 11. 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>  
which



which sum the Select men gave orders to said Joseph Fairbank to pay unto the aforesaid Joseph Willard that S. Willard was to receive of Asa Whetcomb one of the Constables

and of Constable Fletcher the sum of ----- £ 9<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> 1,

which is in all the sum of ----- £ 68<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>.

and we find the Joseph Willard did receive of Constable Asa Whetcomb the sum of ----- £ 9<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 5<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> 1,

and paid out S<sup>d</sup> money as followeth by orders of the Select men

Nov<sup>r</sup> To Barziah Sawyer for timber for the Bridge £ 1<sup>l</sup> 0<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To Josiah Brown for keeping school ----- 5<sup>s</sup> 6<sup>d</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>

To Oliver Moor for making Rate in y<sup>r</sup> Year 1754 ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup> 1/2

To Asa Whetcomb on Dis<sup>t</sup> several mens Rates ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 18<sup>s</sup> 10<sup>d</sup>

To Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder for skin about y<sup>r</sup> Jan stock ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 10<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To David Osgood for making Rates ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>

To Asa Whetcomb & James Ross for } ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 7<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>

Keeping Abigail Woodbury ----- } ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 4<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To David Osgood Keeping Deft ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 4<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

we also find the Constable Fletcher hath } ----- 1<sup>l</sup> 4<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

paid <sup>by order of</sup> said Willard the sum of -----

I Lane after September 1755 ----- then upon the Dec<sup>r</sup> of said Willard es<sup>t</sup> down treasure for that Year the papers were brought back to Dec<sup>r</sup> Joshua Fairbank

down treasure for the Year 1753. -----

Nov<sup>r</sup> we find that S<sup>d</sup> Joseph Fairbank by orders of the Select men hath paid it out as followeth

Nov<sup>r</sup> To Ephraim Carter for making Rates in 1754 ----- £ 0<sup>l</sup> 12<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To David Wilder for Ditto ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 13<sup>s</sup> 3<sup>d</sup>

To James Houghton for paying for skin when soldier ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 4<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To Ephraim Carter for keeping Hindall & Woodbury girls 1<sup>l</sup> 6<sup>s</sup> 4<sup>d</sup>

To said Willard for sup<sup>d</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Wid<sup>w</sup> Woodshed Sick ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 11<sup>s</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>

To John Phelps for keeping Hindall girl 3 weeks a day ----- 0<sup>l</sup> 13<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

To David Wilder for keeping Hindall and } ----- 1<sup>l</sup> 2<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>

Woodbury girls ----- }

Cor. Town



Paid: Leonard  
 To Wm. Richardson for 1 Barl. Powder -----  $\text{L } 8^s 0^d 0$   
 To J. De. m. Fairbank paying himself according  
 to the order of the select men for making the  
 Rates & bringing up the Powder & Keeping  
 the Rendell fire 2 Weeks -----  $\text{On } 13^s 8$   
 To David Jewett Constable for Pikes Rates -----  $\text{On } 3^s 0^d \frac{3}{4}$   
 To Wm. Abigail Woodbury for timber for the bridge -----  $\text{On } 10^s 0$   
 To Hershiah Gates for keeping School -----  $\text{On } 14^s 9$   
 To Capt. Carter on W. Swans Aust. -----  $\text{On } 18^s 11$   
 which in all is the sum of -----  $\text{L } 11^s 18^d 5$

To their Remains of the aforesaid sum -----  $\text{L } 6^s 8^d 12^d 0^d \frac{3}{4}$   
 The sum of -----  $\text{L } 6^s 13^d 7^d \frac{3}{4}$

which  $\text{L } 6^s 13^d 7^d \frac{3}{4}$  is to come from Capt. Caleb  
 Wilder one of the Late Treasurers of said Town to said  
 Treasurer Fairbank & should have been paid to  
 the Late Saml. Willard Esq. by order of the select  
 men had he lived but now the select men have  
 given order to Peter Green Town Treasurer to the  
 present year to receive the aforesaid  $\text{L } 6^s 13^d 7^d \frac{3}{4}$   
 of the aforesaid Treasurer Fairbank and have  
 directed said Fairbank to pay the same

David Cogood } select me  
 Wm. Richardson }  
 John Carter } L. neafter



Worcester. May 6. 1756 - To Ezra Houghton one of  
the Constables of Lancaster greeting, In his Majesty's  
Name you are hereby Required to warn all the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants in your precinct in S<sup>t</sup> Loun  
that have an Estate of freehold in Land within this  
province or Territory of forty shillings p<sup>r</sup> Annum  
at the Least or other Estate to the Value of forty  
Pound Sterling, to Meet at the meeting House in the  
first precinct in S<sup>t</sup> Loun on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of this Instant at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon  
then & there to Elect a Depute one or more Persons  
to serve for and Represent them the Great & General  
Court or Assembly appointed to be held on Wednesday  
the 26<sup>th</sup> of May at Nine of the Clock in y<sup>e</sup> forenoon  
at the Court House in Boston & so from day to day  
During p<sup>r</sup> Sessions & Sessions.

You are Likewise Required to warn the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of S<sup>t</sup> Loun that are Qualify'd  
according to Law to Vote in town affairs to Meet at  
Nine & place to act as followeth

first to Chuse a Moderator for S<sup>t</sup> meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To Consider & act on the Petition of Joseph Kendall and others  
which is as followeth; April 19. 1756 to the select men of  
the Town of Lancaster Gent<sup>l</sup> we the Subscribers Inhabitants  
of the Second Precinct in S<sup>t</sup> Loun Desire that this our  
petition may be Inserted in y<sup>e</sup> next warning for a town  
meeting which is as followeth to see what the Town will give  
the Constables for gathering the province County Town  
& School Rate for y<sup>e</sup> year 1756 & Vote thereon, also to see  
what the Town will give the Constables for gathering the  
province County Town & School Rate for the 1755  
also to see if the Town will Vote that the Second Precinct  
shall collect only the Taxes that shall be assessed in S<sup>t</sup> Loun  
and also to see if the Town will Vote that the S<sup>t</sup> Precinct  
draw their own money that they pay towards the school  
to be laid out in schooling among themselves, also  
to Consider of the Petition of John Fairbank & others & act thereon  
& make due Return hereof

Copy'd May 19. 1756

to Levi Willard: Clerk

Daniel Osgood -  
W<sup>m</sup> Richardson

John Carter

Joshua Fairbank

Asa Whitecomb

Select  
men

S<sup>t</sup> Loun

Carbourn



The other Warrant committed to Joseph Phelps the Constable  
of Town of the same tenor of the former —

of the Returns Worcester: Lancaster May 26. 1756 —  
by virtue of the within warrant I have warned the  
Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster in my precinct  
to meet at the Meeting house at a time within mentioned  
Ezra Woughton Constable

At a Legall Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> 1756 at the  
Meeting House in the first Precinct in said Town  
at Nine of the Nine of the Clock for the choice of a  
Representative after the select<sup>men</sup> read the List of the  
Voters & Voters was call<sup>d</sup> for & W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> was  
Chosen for the present year —

Then the Town affairs came on that stood  
adjourn'd from the first day of March to the 18<sup>th</sup> of May  
Instant — & the several articles inserted in this warrant  
1<sup>st</sup> — Chose Oliver Wilder Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator by adjournment

2<sup>d</sup> — acted upon the Petition of Joseph Wendall and  
others but voted in the Negative —

3<sup>d</sup> — Voted to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Rennit in consideration for the  
old Road as it goes now that he has the same allowing  
away to pass & keep over the bridge as it now  
stands, & a convenient place for watering of cattle  
also Voted Cap<sup>t</sup> John Rennit fifteen acres of Land  
to Lay out where he can find it in the old proprietors  
Lora Road from Peter Joslin to the Road as it  
appears by the plan hereafter mentioned

4<sup>th</sup> — Voted to Discontinue the Road formerly Laid out  
through the Land of Ebenezer Prescotts Jr. from the  
Land of John Farrah to the County Road, and  
Lay out another in Line of 2 Rod. Wide on the  
Northern Bound of ~~the~~ Prescotts Land —

5<sup>th</sup> — Voted that Joshua Woughton be Town Treasure  
for the ensuing year in the Room of Hezekiah  
Gates, also took oath before W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>

Turn over —



<sup>48</sup>  
Note that Aaron Osgood should be allowed 24. 6. 1100 & n  
for Ephraim Osgood Rates in year 1756  
Note that the architect stood adjourned from March  
meeting to June 1756  
Oliver Wilder Moderator

Lancaster May 18 1756  
Levi Willard, Town Clerk.

Lancaster May 17. 1756. Lay'd out by order of the  
Select men away beginning ~~beginning~~ at the end  
of a two rod way already laid out between Capt.  
John Bennetts & Benjamin Peter Joslin Land Laid  
to Bennetts Bridge 24 Rods in Length to the  
foot of the Bridge & two Rods wide above the  
fence now stand on Bennetts Land & the <sup>agreed</sup> haul with  
J<sup>r</sup> Bennetts for Land either to give him fifteen  
acres of Land to lay out where he can find it in the  
old property of Lancaster or to give him twenty  
shillings which the town shall choose

W<sup>m</sup> Richardson } Select  
John Fairbank } men  
of Lancaster

Recorded May 17. 1756  
Solely by Levi Willard. Clerk



Worcester J. Lancaster November y<sup>e</sup> 22. 1756 —

To Leo<sup>d</sup> Ezra Houghton one of the Constables for  
the Town of Lancaster J<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1756 you are in his  
Majesties Name & ~~Warrant~~ Hereby Required to Warn the freeholders  
and the other Inhabitants in your Precinct in S. Town  
Qualify<sup>d</sup> to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Meeting  
House in the first precinct in S. Town on Friday the  
twenty sixth Day of this <sup>at 2 o'clock</sup> Instant, with their & Act on the  
Following Articles, first to Chuse a Moderator, for meeting  
267 To Select out of the List that the Selectmen may then  
lay before them, such Persons to be put into a Box to serve  
as Petit Jurors from time to time in the Law in that Case  
made & provided Directs and make due Return thereof  
Dated at Lancaster the Day & Year above

Wm Richardson } Select  
David Osgood } Men  
Joshua Fairbank }

Worcester J. Lancaster November 26. 1756 —  
by Virtue of the within written Warrant I have  
warn'd the freeholder & other Inhabitants in my  
Precinct to Meet at the time & place within mentioned  
& Ezra Houghton, Constable

The other Warrant Comitted to Asaph Phelps one  
of the Constables of S. Town of the same tenor & Date  
as Above mentioned — — — — —

At a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally assembled Agreeable to the  
Warrant above d<sup>d</sup>. Dated on the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1756. &  
Held on the 26<sup>d</sup> Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> at two of the Clock in the afternoon  
at the Meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster &  
acted on the following Article, —

first Chose Wm Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator —

267 The Select men presented a List of the mens names, who were  
suitable to serve as Petit Jurors, (which was Agreeable to the  
late Act made & provided in that Case) & the Question  
was put whether S. Town would select any out of that  
List or Receive the whole as the select men presented  
It pass'd in the Affirmative — — — — —

Wm Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>. Moderator  
& Wm Williams Town Clerk



February 3: 21 1757 - hear followth an acct. of the Prudentials  
of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1756.

The Select men have made a High Way Rate of fifty pence  
and have Deliver'd Lists of the same to the severall Surveyors  
& have order'd them to see that the same be wrought out on the  
Ways and Bridges in S<sup>d</sup> Town agreeable to the Vote of the Town  
they have also made a province Tax of three Hundred & sixty  
four pounds Twelve shillings & have sent a Certificate thereof  
to the province Treasury & what each Constables part is  
They have also made a town & County Rate of seventy Nine  
pounds three shillings & five pence  $\frac{3}{4}$  and have Deliver'd  
Lists of the same to the Constables of the Town with Warrants  
to gather the same

By J<sup>ts</sup> Constable aforesaid Phelps a List of £ 37. 5. 2.  
To Constable Ezra Houghton Ditto £ 39. 18. 3.  
I have Order'd them to pay out as followeth

Constable Phelps to pay Governor Chandler Esq. } 6. 10.  
County Treasury }

To Joshua Houghton Town Treasury by the } 30. 15. 2.  
Last Day of February 1757 }

To Constable Houghton to pay S<sup>d</sup> County Treasury 7. 0.  
To said Treasury Houghton } 32. 18.  
by the Last Day of February 1757 }

Here followth an acct. of what Deb<sup>t</sup> Joshua Fairbank  
Treasury for the Town of Lancaster for Years 1753. & 1754 -  
by the Reason of the Deb<sup>t</sup> of Col<sup>l</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Willard

By the Rec<sup>d</sup>. with the S<sup>d</sup> Fairbank in the Year 1756, & found in Re<sup>ce</sup>.  
Hath Twenty Six pound thirteen shillings & pence  
which sum we order'd him to Peter Green Treasury for the  
Year 1755 & find that the S<sup>d</sup> Fairbanks hath paid the sa.  
out as followeth

By To Capt. Caleb Wilder for Glass for the School House 20. 2. 8  
To Roger Nicholls for keeping Abigail Woodbury } 0. 12. 6.  
A Week & 4 Days }

To M<sup>r</sup>. Moses Morningway for keeping School 6. 13. 4.  
One Quarter of Year } 7. 8. 6.  
Car<sup>d</sup> forward



Bro<sup>t</sup>. forward - - - - - £ 7<sup>u</sup> 8<sup>u</sup> 6  
 To Mr. Edward Phelps for Cloathing found }  
 John Johnson - - - - - On 15<sup>u</sup> 10<sup>u</sup> 1/2  
 To Mr. Phelps for Billiting S. Johnson one year - - 8<sup>u</sup> 13<sup>u</sup> 4<sup>u</sup>  
 To Capt. Levi Willard for Newspaper for Ruth Kendall - On - 6<sup>u</sup> 1  
 To Dea<sup>n</sup> Joshua Fairbank for Keeping Ditto 8 Weeks - - 18<sup>u</sup> 8  
 £ 18<sup>u</sup> 2<sup>u</sup> 5<sup>u</sup> 1/2

The Sum that was in Fairbanks Hands is £ 26-13-7 3/4  
 & Goodridge Katerah: he is accountable for - - 17-9-  
 & what he has paid by order on P. Aust. £ 27-11-4 3/4  
 Ball in his hands - - 18-2-5 1/2  
 £ 9-8-11-1/4

A reader, March 4<sup>th</sup> 1757 - here followeth an Acct. of the moneys  
 Given on Mr. Peter Green Town Treasure for the Year 1755 -

To Benj<sup>o</sup>. Osgood for Keeping Ruth Kendall 4 Weeks £ On 10-8  
 To Joseph Wheelock for Keeping Ditto 4 Weeks On 8-8  
 To Dea<sup>n</sup> Joshua Phelps for n. Cany - - - - - On 4-6  
 & Abijah Wyman for Keeping Abig<sup>l</sup>. Woodbury 4 Weeks & 4 Days 1-3-4-  
 To Ephraim Willard for Caleb Wrights Rates for the  
 Year 1755. who was y<sup>e</sup> Year as before & paid at Harvard - } - On 11-10  
 To Nath<sup>l</sup>. Wyman for Keeping Ruth Kendall 4 Weeks  
 & Abigail Woodbury Week & for making a Coffin } - On 18-11 1/4  
 for the Widow Wood - - - - -  
 To Capt. Jn<sup>o</sup>. Carter for making Rates & taking in moneys } - On 14-  
 for the Year 1755 - - - - -  
 To Capt. Carter for Keeping Mary Wood & 2 f. Shoe - - - On 12-8  
 To Mr. Josiah Swan for Keeping School - - - - - On 7-9  
 To Capt. Jos. Wheelock Keeping Ruth Kendall 8 Weeks - On 19-4  
 To Jos. White for Keeping Ditto 4 Weeks - - - On 8-0  
 To Nath<sup>l</sup>. White Keeping Ditto 2 Weeks - - - On 6-8  
 To Capt. John Carter for Shoes & Wool for Ruth Kendall  
 & a staple to Lock the powder in: & for Digging  
 the grave for the Widow Wood. } On 10-5  
 £ 10-16-9 1/4  
 £ 10-16-9 1/4



To the Amount Bro: over	10-16-9
To a John Phelps for 240 foot plank	8-8-8
To another acct. of orders from another paper	20-4-5
To Capt. T. Willard for making Rates long Year 1754	8-6-6
To Manas. Twoll for keeping Abig. Woodbury	On 16-
To Peter Joslin for keeping Mary	On 6-
To for a Kendall for keeping John Johnson	In 6-
To Eph <sup>m</sup> Wilder Jun <sup>r</sup>	On 18-
To Joseph Wilder Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	3-6-4
	<u>£35-10-9</u>

To what Peter Green Rec <sup>d</sup> of	£32-17-9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Ezekiel Kendall	26-0-5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
of Joshua Fletcher	59-0-3 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
the orders Deducted in	38-10-9-
what Remains in Green hands	<u>23-9-6<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub></u>

W <sup>m</sup> Richardson	} select men for Janu <sup>ary</sup>
David Osgood	
Joshua Fairbank	
Asa Whetcomb	

True copy  
 a master March 4. 1757  
 a True copy

attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worcester: Lancaster Feb. 21. 1757 —

There are in his Majesty's name to Word all the Inhabitants & free Holders of Said Town that are Qualify'd according to Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Meet at the Meeting House in the first precinct in S<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the seventh day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon and their to act as followeth —

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for S<sup>d</sup> meeting —  
also to Chuse all Town officers necessary to act and transact the affairs of the Town as the Law Directs  
also to Vote how much they will have wrought out on the High Way & Bridges this Present year —  
also to accept or Discontinue ways as needs shall be  
also to see if the Town will Vote sixty pounds or thereabouts for Schooling & that Twenty pounds or more be for the extreem parts of the Town for Schooling at such time & manner as shall be met for their own profit the Grammar school to be kept as heretofore —

Also to Grant Money for the Charges of the Town  
also to see if the Town will Grant the Petition of Jonathan Fairbanks and others — and also to see if the Town will Grant the Petition of Caleb Wildor and others  
Also to Grant the Petition of John Prescott & others which is as follow, Lancaster Jan<sup>y</sup> 25. 1756 to the Select men of Lancaster Gent<sup>l</sup> we the Subscribers Desire that you would put in your next Warrent for a Town meeting, to see if the Town will Agree Upon & Vote the following Articles, as first that the Grammar school may be kept in each Precinct according to what they pay 2<sup>d</sup> to hire two Reading & Writing School five months or longer if y<sup>e</sup> Town shall think fit to Raise such Sum of Money as shall be thought proper for said Schools, 4<sup>th</sup> to see if the Town will move for Give Leave to move the School House by Amos Sawyers Down Near to the Meeting of the Roads by John Goodridges, also to see if the Town will act upon the the Petition of Henry Nashell & others —

a true Coppy by order of the Select men —  
William Town Clerk



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled Agreeable to the Warren  
aforesaid Dated the 21<sup>st</sup> Day of February 1757 & held on the  
7<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1757. at Nine of the Clock in the Fore noon  
At the Meeting House in the first Precinct Lancaster and there  
Read on the following Articles - - - - -

first. Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

2<sup>d</sup>. Chose M<sup>rs</sup> John Carter Josiah Kendall Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank  
Abel Willard and John White Select men

3<sup>d</sup>. Chose M<sup>r</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk

4<sup>th</sup>. Chose Joshua Houghton Town Treasurer

5. Chose Josiah Ballard Constable & the Town accepted of  
Joseph Whetcomb Jun<sup>r</sup> in his Room

6. Chose Elisha Sawyer Constable, & accepted of H<sup>er</sup> J<sup>r</sup>  
Gates & serve in his Room for the South side of Road

7. Chose M<sup>rs</sup> Levi Willard Asa Wilder John Phelps Mose  
Cooper Abijah Houghton Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder Aaron Willard Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Elisha White Th<sup>o</sup> Dole and Joseph Abbott Survey

8. Chose M<sup>rs</sup> John Prescott Josiah Sawyer Abner Sawyer  
and Jon<sup>s</sup> Prescott Lying men

9. Chose Joseph Wheelock Th<sup>o</sup> Gary Nath<sup>l</sup> White and  
Jeremiah Burpee Field Drivers - - - - -

10. Chose M<sup>rs</sup> Reuben Hugg & Peter Green fence Viewers

11. Chose Capt. John Carter Dealer of Leather -

12. Chose Abijah Wyman. Survey of Kings, & Board, &c

13. Chose Phineas Berman & Capt Jos. Wheelock Deer Keepers

14. Chose Shuball Bailey & Daniel Willard Firemen

15. Voted One Hundred pounds to be work'd out on the Highways  
and Bridges this year & at the Rate of 8<sup>d</sup> a week the  
Each year - - - - -

16. Voted five pounds for the service of the Town

17. Voted sixty pounds for Schooling this year 1757 -

18. Voted that the Grammar School shall be kept in each  
precinct according to what they pay

19. Voted the Reading & Writing Schools shall be kept in the  
extremest parts of the Town five months in the Winter  
Season unless the Town shall think proper to be moved



0 Noted that a way be accepted between the land of John  
May & John Stewart as appears by the Committee  
Return here after mentioned -

1 Noted that the Road in Lanoster from Lew Bayle Sawyers  
House on the North side of Amasa Turners house to a  
hook in the River be removed about 7 Rods to the  
South of J<sup>d</sup> Turners House Beginning at the South East  
of Mr J<sup>r</sup> field & Run W<sup>est</sup>erly a little bowing to the South  
about 60 Rods to a Red oak in W. Turners Land Near  
Turners West Line -

22. Was this meeting be adjourned to the third Monday in  
May next to three of the clock in the after noon

foregoing  
all the Town officers were sworn to their severall offices  
by Joseph Wilder Jas Esq<sup>r</sup> & W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>.

William Richardson Mod<sup>r</sup>

a True Copy - Levi Willard Town Clerk

March 5. 1757 then Laid out a way by order  
of the select<sup>men</sup> of Lanoster between the Land of John  
May & John Stewart half on ones Land, & half  
on the other it began at the County Road Near  
John May & goes 116 Rods between J<sup>d</sup> May  
& Stewart's Land then 14 Rods on J<sup>d</sup> Stewart's Land  
to Commuter Line J. Way is 2 Rods wide with  
a Range of Mark'd trees on the East side of J. Road

Amos Ruggs  
J<sup>ph</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Willard } Committee

Record March 5 1757 Levi Willard Town Clerk -



A. Warrent for a Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1787.  
Worcester s<sup>r</sup>. To Joseph Wheelwright one of the Constables of  
the Town of Lancaster Greeting  
These are in his Majesty's name to Will & Require you  
forthwith to warn the free holders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster (except within your Precinct)  
that have an Estate of freehold of Land within their  
precinct or Territory of Forty Shillings & upwards at  
least or other Estate to the Value of forty pounds Sterling  
to meet & assemble at the Meeting House in Lancaster  
the first precinct on Monday the sixteenth day of May  
Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then & there to  
elect & Depute one or more persons to serve for & Represent  
said Town in a Great & General Court or Assembly Appointed  
to be Conven'd held & kept for his Majesty's Service at the  
Court house in Boston on Wednesday the Twentieth fifth  
day of May Instant and so (de die in diem) During their  
Session or Sessions: hereof fail not & make due Return of  
this Warrent to one of us the subscribers before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sixteenth  
day of May: Given Under our hand & Seal this Ninth day  
May in the Thirtieth Year of his Majesty's Reign Annoque  
Domini One thousand Seven hundred & fifty Seven

John Carter  
Abel Willard  
Joseph Kendall  
Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank } Clerk  
of  
the  
Assembly

### The Return

Worcester s<sup>r</sup>. May 14 1787

By Virtue of the Within Warrent and I have Warned  
as the Law Directs, all the Inhabitants of the Town of Lanc.  
in my precinct Qualified to Vote for a Representative  
to meet at the Meeting House in Lancaster last precinct  
on Monday the sixteenth day of May Instant at ten of the  
Clock in the forenoon

Joseph Wheelwright  
Constable

N. B. another Warrent was given to Hezekiah Foster of the same  
Tenor & date of the above & due Return made upon it as above  
A True Copy Levi Willard Town Clerk



At a Legall Meeting on May 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1757

at the Meeting house in the first precinct in S<sup>t</sup>. Town  
at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon the Select men  
Call<sup>d</sup> for the Voters for a Representative & the Town  
made choice of Mr. David Wilder to serve for the present  
year, & then the meeting was Dissolv<sup>d</sup>

Levi Willard Town Clerk

November 28<sup>th</sup> 1757

The Select men of Lancaster having notified the Select  
men of Uxbridge to preambulate the Bound Between  
said Town on the Day of the Date Hereof, we the Subscribers  
on the part of Uxbridge have with Mr. John Fairbank and  
Mr. Josiah Wendell on the part of Lancaster and have  
Renewed said Bounds & have Interchangeable set our  
Hands

Phineas Haywood  
Joseph Bigelow Jun<sup>r</sup>

The Select men of Lancaster having notified the Select men  
of Bolton to preambulate the Bound between the said Towns  
on the Thirtieth of November last & the first day of December  
last we the Subscribers on the part of Lancaster & Nathl<sup>l</sup>  
Willson & Nathl<sup>l</sup> Longly on the part of Bolton did Renew  
the Bound between said Towns of Bolton & Lancaster  
Lancaster Decem<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1757 -

Hooker & Good  
Hobbs & Willard



March y<sup>e</sup> 4 1758, Here followeth an Acct. of the  
Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1757  
Viz<sup>t</sup> The Select men of this Town have made a Highway Rate  
of the Sum of One Hundred pounds & have Deliver'd Lists  
thereof to the severall Surveyors of the Highways of this  
Town with Directions that they should be work'd out agree-  
able to the Vote of this Town - They have made also  
a rate to the Inhabitants of this Town with a Province Tax  
of Five Hundred & Twenty One pounds Eleven shillings  
& have Deliver'd Lists thereof to the Constable of this Town  
& have sent a Certificate thereof to the Province Treasur<sup>r</sup>  
- They have also made a Town & County Rate of the sum  
of Twenty four pounds Eleven shillings & four pence  
Nine pence Eleven shillings & four pence thereof is for  
the County & Deliver'd Lists thereof to the Constables  
of said Town with current to collect the same - they  
have Deliver'd to m<sup>r</sup> Herchiah Guler one of the Constables  
a List of the Sum of thirty Six pounds Thirteen shillings  
& four pence & have order'd him to pay unto Gardner Chandler  
Esq<sup>r</sup> County Treasur<sup>r</sup> four pounds Twelve shillings by the  
last day of March instant & to pay unto Joshua Houghton  
Town Treasur<sup>r</sup> thirty Two pound One shilling & four pence  
by the first of March instant & have also Deliver'd unto m<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Whitcomb Jun<sup>r</sup> another of the Constables a List of the Sum  
of thirty Seven pounds fourteen shillings & have order'd him to pay  
unto Gardner Chandler Esq<sup>r</sup> four pound fifteen shillings  
& four pence by the last day of March instant & to pay unto  
m<sup>r</sup> Joshua Houghton Esq<sup>r</sup> thirty two pound eighteen  
shillings & eight pence by the first of March instant  
More



Here follows an acct. of sundry Outstanding Debts Due  
from the Former Treasures to this Town

in Capt. Caleb Wilder hands Town Treasure by Year AD. 1752.	£ On 1 <sup>u</sup> 5 <sup>u</sup> 1
for which sum we have given Joshua Houghton, an order which when answered will be S <sup>r</sup> Wilder Discharge	
In Dear Joshua Fairbanks hands Town Treasure for the years AD. 1753. & 1754.	2 <sup>u</sup> On 1 <sup>u</sup> 3
for which sum we have given an order to S <sup>r</sup> Houghton to receive & which when paid will be S <sup>r</sup> Fairbanks Discharge	
In Peter Green's hands Town Treasure by Year AD. 1755.	20 <sup>u</sup> 9 <sup>u</sup> 6 <sup>u</sup> 1
of which sum the S <sup>r</sup> Green hath paid to John Remar, for billiting John Johnson by order of Selectmen.	£ 5 <sup>u</sup> 18 <sup>u</sup> 8
also S <sup>r</sup> Haskell for ditto by order of ditto	3 <sup>u</sup> On 8
	£ 0 19 4
Bal. Due to the Town from S <sup>r</sup> Green	11 <sup>u</sup> 10 <sup>u</sup> 2 <sup>u</sup> 1
for which we have also given S <sup>r</sup> Houghton an order which when paid will be in S <sup>r</sup> Green Discharge	20 9 <sup>u</sup> 6 <sup>u</sup> 1

Here followeth the acct. between Joshua Houghton Town  
Treasure for Year AD 1757 & the Town of Lancaster

M <sup>r</sup> Joshua Houghton Treasure to the Town of Lancaster	
To your order of Capt. Caleb Wilder	£ On 1 <sup>u</sup> 5 <sup>u</sup> 1
Ditto on Dear Joshua Fairbank	2 <sup>u</sup> 8 <sup>u</sup> 1 <sup>u</sup> 3
Ditto on M <sup>r</sup> Peter Green	11 <sup>u</sup> 10 <sup>u</sup> 2 <sup>u</sup> 1
Cash of Asahel Phelps Constable for the Year 1756	30 <sup>u</sup> 15 <sup>u</sup> 2 <sup>u</sup> 3
Ditto of Ezra Houghton Ditto for Ditto	32 <sup>u</sup> 18 <sup>u</sup> 3
Car. over	£ 0 5 13 3

D. SUPRA C. by sundry men drawn upon him  
by the Select Men

By an order in favour of Capt. Eph <sup>m</sup> Wilder for keeping the Newell	On 18 <sup>u</sup> 0
Ditto in fav. of W <sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq. for m <sup>o</sup> & Mater.	10 <sup>u</sup> 10 <sup>u</sup> 2
Ditto in fav. of Dan <sup>l</sup> Hugg for m <sup>o</sup> & Mater. House	1 <sup>u</sup> 7 1
Car. over	£ 1 10 5 3



To the Debt Bro: over - - Car: forward - - £85. 13.

By Cash Bro: over - - - - -	£ 10. 5. 3
by order in favour of Capt. David Osgood for keeping Ruth Rendall - - - - -	1. 14. 8
Ditto in fav. of D. for copying Rates - - - - -	2 -
Ditto in fav. of Hery: Gates for keeping Ruth Rendall - - - - -	2. 4 -
Ditto in fav. of Capt. Osgood for making Rates - - - - -	19 -
Ditto in fav. of Capt. Osgood for proof from Chuply's the Wid: Wombury - - - - -	1. 6. 9
D. in fav. of Asa Whelcomb for mak. Rates - - - - -	19 -
Ditto in fav. of Amos Sawyer for mending school House - - - - -	7. 2. 2
Ditto in fav. of Wm: Wilder for boarding school Master - - - - -	4. 6. 6 -
D. in fav. of Hlisha Knapp for mending school House - - - - -	6. 8 -
D. in fav. of Capt. Carter for making Rates - - - - -	15. 6 -
D. in fav. of D. for copying Rates & Moer for R: Rendall - - - - -	7. 6 -
D. in fav. of Moses Sawyer being over Rated - - - - -	1. 2 -
D. in fav. of Deen: Fairbank for making Rates - - - - -	11. 2 -
Ditto in fav. of Ezra Houghton for over Rating Joseph Bailey & Leor Rendall. Rates - - - - -	1. 1. 3
ditto in fav. of Sam: Bailey for keeping R: Rendall - - - - -	16. 0 -
ditto in fav. of Moses Sawyer for Blank - - - - -	8. 8 -
d. in fav. of E. Houghton for keeping Abig: Woodbury - - - - -	10 -
d. in fav. of Thos. Sawyer for keeping R: Rendall - - - - -	14. 5 -
d. in fav. of Hery: Gates for keeping School Master - - - - -	2. 14 -
d. in fav. of Capt. Osgood for Cheemp Rates - - - - -	11. 7 -
d. in fav. of Mr. Hemmingway for his Horse to come to Lancaster to keep School - - - - -	6 -
Ditto in fav. of Jn: White for making Rates - - - - -	12 -
d. in fav. of Moses Hemmingway for keeping school - - - - -	6. 13. 4 -
d. in fav. of Ditto - - - - - for Ditto - - - - -	6. 13. 4 -
d. in fav. of Abel Willan for making Rates - - - - -	18 -
& Taking Invoice - - - - -	7. 6 -
d. in fav. of Leir Willan for sundry found for Ruth Rendall - - - - -	36. 7. 8 1
Car: forward - - - - -	



To the Debt. Bro. Forwan. — — — — — £85.13.5

By Jan. Bro. Forwan — — — — — £38.7.8.1

By a order in fav<sup>r</sup> of a full Whelp for  
wearing sundry lessons out of town & for  
sundry persons noted that was a paid in  
other towns — — — — — } — £17.4. —

Bal Due to the Town — — — — — £41.5.0.1

Sum Totall — — — — — £85.13.5

John Carter —  
Josiah Kendall —  
Abel Willard —  
John White — } Select men  
of  
Lancaster



Worcester sh. To the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
legally qualified to vote in Town affairs greeting in his Majesties  
Name your are required to meet at the Meeting house in the first  
Precinct in Lancaster on Monday the sixth day of March next at nine  
of the Clock in the forenoon to consider & act on the following Articles  
Viz:

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
  - 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town Officers for said Town for the Ensueing year it  
being your Annual meeting for that Purpose.
  - 3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Sum for the Support of Scholls for the Ensueing year  
& for other necessary Charges arising in the Present year
  - 4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Sum to be worked out in the highways & Private ways  
& Bridges this Present year and to say all what Time of the year  
it shall be done & how much shall be allowed Day for men  
Clen & Harts & also to Accept of any way that has been laid out  
uncompast
  - 5<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will Vote to allow the rate of Robert Keyes &  
Daniel Garfield to Ezra Houghton who was one of the Constables  
of this Town for the year AD 1756
  - 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote that the Grammar Scholl shall be  
kept in the first Parish in this Town, & that the second Par  
may have their Proportion of the money Granted for the Supp  
of Scholls & Employe the same as they shall think Proper  
& also to see in what Places the Scholl shall be kept
- By Order of the Order Selectmen Wm Willard Secy  
Lancaster February 15<sup>th</sup> 1738



At a meeting of the Freeholders & the Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable  
to the Warrant aforesaid Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
February AD. 1758. & Held on the Sixth day of March  
AD 1758 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon at the  
Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster  
& then acted on the following Article.

- Not.  
1. Chose Col.<sup>o</sup> Oliver Wilder Moderator  
2. Chose Mep.<sup>rs</sup> John Carter Jon<sup>o</sup> Fairbank John White  
Jonah Kendall & Abel Willard Select men  
3. Chose Mep.<sup>rs</sup> John Carter Jonah Kendall & Abel  
Willard assessors  
4. Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk  
Chose Joshua Houghton Town Treasure  
6. Voted that there should be Chose three Constables  
for the ensuing year. & that the Constable for the  
west Parish shall gather all the money that shall be  
assess'd on P. Precinct  
7. Chose Nath<sup>o</sup> Wright Constable for the West Precinct  
8. Chose Joseph Whitcomb Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable for the Old Precinct  
& the North Side of the River  
9. Chose Joshua House Constable for the Old Parish  
& the South Side of the River  
10. Chose Mep.<sup>rs</sup> Abijah Houghton

Abner Wilder  
Levi Willard  
Thos. Reman  
Joseph Gary  
D<sup>o</sup> Israel Houghton  
Edward Houghton  
George Parkhurst  
Simon Thompson  
& Cr David Osgood

High Way

Surveyors

Shew



11. Chose Edward Robbins Nathan Hugg Isaac  
Hillborne and Sam<sup>l</sup> Burpee Tything men
12. Chose Mep<sup>r</sup>: Simon Willard Peter Green James Wilcox  
& David Jewett field drivers
13. Chose Joshua Fletcher & Phineas Kemman fence Viewers
14. Chose Capt: John Carter Dealer of Leather
15. Chose Abijah Wyman Surveyor of Shingles boards &c
16. Chose Mep<sup>r</sup>: Asa Whetcomb & D<sup>r</sup>: Israel Houghton  
Deer Reavers
17. Chose John Prescott Henry Washell & Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder  
fire men

Voted One hundred pounds to be work'd out on the High  
ways & Bridges & at the Rate of Day for man &  
Expense as the last year. & the Work to be done  
by the 11. day of October

Voted Sixteen pounds for the Use of the School & other  
Necessary Charges y<sup>t</sup> shall Occasionally Rise in Town

Voted that Ezra Houghton should be allow'd the Taxes  
of Robert Meyer & Daniel Garfield ad 1756

Voted to adjourn this meeting to may meeting next

Oliver Wilder Mod<sup>r</sup>

Recorded March 7. 1758.

Levi Willard Sec<sup>y</sup>



Worcester To Joshua House of Lancaster in the County  
of Worcester Yeoman & one of the Constables of the  
same Town

There are in <sup>his</sup> Majesty's Name to will & Require you forthwith  
to warn the freeholder & other Inhabitants of the town of  
Lancaster (within the first precinct in said Town) that  
have an Estate of freehold of Land within this province  
or Territory of forty shillings p Annum at least or  
other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds Sterling,  
to meet & Assemble at the Meeting House in the first  
Precinct in Lancaster aforesaid on Monday the Twenty  
Second Day of May Instant at ten of the Clock  
in the forenoon then & there to Elect & Depute one  
or More Persons to Represent said Town in a Great  
& Generall Court or Assembly appointed to be convened  
held & kept for his Majesties Service at the Court  
House in Boston upon Wednesday the Thirty  
first Day of May Instant and so De Die in Diem  
During their Session or Sessions

- 2<sup>th</sup> To Chuse a Moderator -  
2<sup>nd</sup> To Chuse a Constable for said Town in the Room of Joseph  
Whelcomb Junr for the present year who is a going  
into the Service -  
4<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Vote to Chuse a Committee  
to say how the Money that was appropriated at March  
Meeting A.D. 1756 for the Support of schools in the  
extreme parts of the Town shall be dispos'd off  
5<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will chuse a Committee or order  
the select men of said Town to lay out a High Way  
or private way from Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Moor's House  
on the Plain Nigh the Old Meeting House place  
through the R<sup>em</sup> The Goss Land to the County  
Road



Road that comes from Worcester to Lancaster. heres  
fail not & make due Return of this Warrent with your  
Doings therein to one of us the Subscribers on or before the  
Twenty Day <sup>of May</sup> Instant Given under our Hands & Seals  
at Lancaster this Fifteenth Day of May Instant Anno  
Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred & fifty eight  
& in the Thirty first Year of his Majesties Reign —

Lancaster May 22. 1758

John Carter	} Select men of Lancaster
John White	
Abel Willard	

a True Copy  
Zevi Willard Town Clerk

Worcester/Lancaster May 20. 1758 — — —  
By Virtue of the above & within Warre  
I have warn'd all the Inhabitants Legally  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs & all the  
Inhabitants that are Qualified to Vote for  
a Representative that are in the first precinct  
in Lancaster to Meet at the Meeting house  
in the first precinct in Lancaster on Monday  
the Twenty Second Day Instant at ten of the  
Clock in the fore noon then & there to act on the  
within Mentioned Articles Joshua House } Constable  
of  
Lancaster

N.B: another Warrent was given to Nathaniel  
Wright of the same tenor & Date of the within  
& above & due Return made upon it —

Zevi Willard Town Clerk



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally Assembled agree-  
able to the Warrant afore<sup>d</sup> Dated the fifteenth day  
of May 1758. & Held on the Twenty second day of  
May 1758 at Ten of the Clock in the fore noon at  
their Meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster  
and acted on the following Articles

1<sup>st</sup> Chose William Richard on Esq. to Represent  
s<sup>d</sup> Town at the Great & Generall Court of Year 1758

2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Col. Oliver Wilder Moderator, then acted upon  
the adjournment of March Meeting

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted that the select men are appointed to  
apportion the Money granted by the Town for the  
schooling in the Extreem parts of the Town

4<sup>th</sup> Voted that a committee be chosen. & accordingly Capt.  
Caleb Wilder Dea<sup>r</sup> Joshua Fairbank & Joshua Houghton  
was chosen to look into the Affairs of the Road  
shut up by Mr. Goff & make Report to the Town  
at their adjournment Hereafter mentioned.

Oliver Wilder Moderator

5<sup>th</sup> Voted that the adjournment of March Meeting  
be adjourn'd to the first Monday of Decem<sup>r</sup> Next.

There may Certify that Jonathan Fairbank  
gives one Rod Wide to be added to the Road upon the  
Westerly side near Churchs Millers corner, leading to  
John Goffridges also upon the Southerly side Twenty  
Rod; one Rod Wide Voted that all the Articles enacted  
upon agreeable to the Warrant before mentioned be li-  
-boured to the Time above mentioned

2  
John Wiman Clerk



March 2. 1759 here followeth an Account of the Prudentials  
 of the Town of Lancaster for the year AD. 1758. Viz: the Assessor  
 of S<sup>d</sup> Town have made a high Way Rate of One hundred pounds  
 & have Deliver'd Letts thereof to the Civerall Surveyors of  
 S<sup>d</sup> Town. they have also apportion'd the Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Town  
 with a Province Tax of four hundred & eighty six pounds  
 & have Deliver'd Letts thereof to the Constables of S<sup>d</sup> Town for  
 S<sup>d</sup> year & have sent a Certificate thereof to the province  
 Treasur<sup>r</sup> they have also made a Town & County Rate  
 of the Sum of Twenty Nine pounds Seven Shillings & three  
 pence, Sixteen pounds Seven shillings & three pence thereof  
 being for the County & sixteen pounds the Remaining part  
 of the Sum being for the Town, & have Deliver'd Letts thereof  
 to the Constables of S<sup>d</sup> Town with Warrants to collect & pay  
 the Same as follows Viz. one Lett we have Deliver'd to Nath<sup>l</sup>  
 Wright & have order'd him to pay S<sup>d</sup> Governor Chandler Esq<sup>r</sup> =  
 County Treasur<sup>r</sup> five pounds by the last Day of March  
 instant & to pay Joshua Houghton Town Treasur<sup>r</sup> Six  
 pounds eighteen shillings by the first Day of March instant  
 & another Lett to Joshua Houghton order'd him to pay S<sup>d</sup> Chandler  
 & to pay Joshua Houghton  
 by the first Day of March instant, & another Lett  
 to Joseph Whitcomb Jun<sup>r</sup> order'd him to pay S<sup>d</sup> Chandler  
 by the last Day of March instant  
 & to pay S<sup>d</sup> Houghton  
 Day of March instant

Here followeth the Acct. of the Town of Lancaster with  
 Joshua Houghton Town Treasur<sup>r</sup> -----

To Joshua Houghton Town Treasur <sup>r</sup> by Town of Lancaster D. to the Ballance of what Remains in his hand Last year as app <sup>r</sup> in the Town Book p <sup>r</sup> due to S <sup>d</sup> & paid March 14. 1758 to Cash Rec <sup>d</sup> of Viz: Rates of the Constables of the Town Lancaster for the year 1757. To Joseph Whitcomb Jun <sup>r</sup> for S <sup>d</sup> do for S <sup>d</sup> do	44. 8. 4 32. 1. 4 32. 18. 8 <hr/> 109. 8. 4
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To the Acc<sup>t</sup> B<sup>ro</sup> forw<sup>rd</sup> -

109<sup>rs</sup> 8<sup>rs</sup> 4<sup>rs</sup> 3<sup>rs</sup>

By order Drawn upon him by the Collect men - viz:

By an order in favour of James Kendall for Boarding  
The School Master - - - - - } 2<sup>rs</sup> 12<sup>rs</sup> 0

Det<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Capt. Jos: Moor for Timber for y<sup>e</sup> Bridge - - - - - 12<sup>rs</sup> 0  
D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Tim: Whiting for Board<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> School Master - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 0 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jon: Fairbank for mak<sup>g</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Kater & for cart<sup>g</sup>  
p<sup>er</sup> Clerk of Inf<sup>t</sup> Court for Kuent: Warrants to warn people out - - - - - 13<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Dan: Poven being over Rated - - - - - 14<sup>rs</sup> 6

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jehiah Kendall for Making Kater - - - - - 12<sup>rs</sup> 6

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Eliza Wilder being over Rated - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Aaron Asgood for Eph<sup>m</sup> Asgood Kater - - - - - 11<sup>rs</sup> 6

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Sam<sup>l</sup> Purpee for a loft in Ruth Kendall - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 3

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Hemingway for Keeping School - - - - - 6<sup>rs</sup> 13<sup>rs</sup> 4

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Ditto - - - - - 6<sup>rs</sup> 13<sup>rs</sup> 4

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Roger Nichols for Building In<sup>o</sup> Johnson - - - - - 9<sup>rs</sup> 17<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Hemingway for Keeping School - - - - - 13<sup>rs</sup> 6<sup>rs</sup> 8

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Ezra Houghton for Robert Key & for Kater - - - - - 1<sup>rs</sup> 19<sup>rs</sup> 10

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Zeer Willard for plank & timber for the Bridge - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 3<sup>rs</sup> 9

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Cap: Asgood for Keeping Ruth Kendall - - - - - 2<sup>rs</sup> 13<sup>rs</sup> 11<sup>rs</sup> 1/2

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of The Lawyers for Keeping Ditto - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 8

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Ezra Houghton for warming room lead of town - - - - - 6<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Amasa Turner for Keeping Abigail Woodbury - - - - - 0<sup>rs</sup> 6<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of James Kendall for Boarding school matter - - - - - 2<sup>rs</sup> 12<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jacob B. for mending Ruth Kendall's shoe - - - - - 1<sup>rs</sup> 6

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Asgood for Running the Bullat for the town - - - - - 4<sup>rs</sup> 8

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Stanton for timber - - - - - 6<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Baz & lawyer for setting wood for Woodbury - - - - - 8<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of And<sup>ro</sup> Wilder for plank - - - - - 15<sup>rs</sup> 6

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Capt Carter for Cloth for J<sup>r</sup> Stanton - - - - - 13<sup>rs</sup> 10<sup>rs</sup> 1/2

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Joseph Wilder for Keeping School Master - - - - - 2<sup>rs</sup> 16<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of J<sup>r</sup> Carter for Making Kater - - - - - 14<sup>rs</sup> 4

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Aaron Willard for Keeping Widow Wymann - - - - - 15<sup>rs</sup> 0

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Baz & Lawyer for timber for the bridge - - - - - 18<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of J<sup>r</sup> Carter for Cleaning y<sup>e</sup> School House - - - - - 2<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of m<sup>r</sup> Sawyer for plank for y<sup>e</sup> Bridge - - - - - 1<sup>rs</sup> 11<sup>rs</sup> 2<sup>rs</sup>

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of J<sup>r</sup> Carter Woodbury, Vaught & Thoe - - - - - 3<sup>rs</sup> 1

John Carter } Collectmen 3<sup>rs</sup> 15<sup>rs</sup> 6<sup>rs</sup> 1/2  
Abel Willard } 3<sup>rs</sup> 12<sup>rs</sup> 10<sup>rs</sup> 1/2  
Abel Willard } 10<sup>rs</sup> 9<sup>rs</sup> 4<sup>rs</sup> 1/2



Worcester to the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Lancaster Legally Qualified & sworn Town Officers - Greeting  
In His Majesty's Name you are Required to meet at  
the Meeting house in the first church in Lancaster on Monday the  
fifth day of March next at Nine of the clock in the forenoon  
then & there to act on the following Articles Viz<sup>t</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator for said Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To chuse Town Officers for said Town for the ensuing year  
it being your Annual Meeting for that purpose
- 3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Tax for the Support of Schools for the ensuing year  
for other necessary Charges arising in said Town the ensuing year
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax to be Work'd out on the Highways private Ways  
& Bridges the ensuing year & to say at what time of the year  
it shall be done & how much shall be allow'd of Day to men Oxen & Cart.
- 5 - To see if the Town will Vote to allow the Rates of Wm. Juffs & Can  
a. best Jw. to a. J. Chal Phelps who was one of the Constables for  
this Town for the year 1756
- 6 To see if the Town will Vote to lay out a high Way from  
from Henry Houghtons to the River west of Houghtons which was  
formerly laid out by this Town as a private Way & also to  
lay out a high Way in the Town of Lancashire Land
- 7 To see if the Town will Vote that the Grammar School shall  
be kept in the middle of the first Parrish in this Town  
the ensuing year. (the 1<sup>st</sup> Parrish Building the school house  
at their own expense) that the Second Parrish & the extreme  
parts of the first Parrish that cannot be accommodated by the  
school kept in the middle of the first Parrish shall have  
their Proportion of the money granted for the Support of  
schools & employ the same in schooling as they shall  
think Proper they paying their proportionable part  
of the extraordinary Charge of a Grammar School

Lancaster Feb. 17. 1759

Proxies of the Select Men  
J. W. Wollan Town Clerk

March 6. 1759 a true Copy  
J. W. Wollan Town Clerk



at a Meeting of the Freeholders & the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable to the  
Warrant aforesaid Dated Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 1759 & held on the fifth  
Day of March 1759 at nine of the Clock in the Evening  
at the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster  
& then acted on the following Article, Viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Chose Oliver Wilder Esq. Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Chose Capt. John Carter  
Do Deo Oliver Moor  
Mr. The. Burpee  
Mr. Alex<sup>r</sup>. Gater  
Mr. John Prescott } Select Men —

3<sup>d</sup> Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk

4 Chose Peter Greene Town Treasure

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Jeremiah Haskell  
Edm<sup>d</sup>. Allen Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Eben<sup>t</sup>. Bush — } Constables —

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Phineas Theman  
Jotham Wilder  
Tim<sup>o</sup>. Whiting  
John Glasgow  
Lev Ezra Sawyer  
Simon Willard  
Josiah Ballard  
Philemon Houghton  
Eph<sup>m</sup>. Willard — } High Way Surveyors

7 Chose Nath<sup>o</sup>. White  
Richard Proutie  
Thos Dole  
Jon<sup>o</sup>. Southank } Tything men —

8 Chose James Wilder  
Abijah Willard  
Jon<sup>o</sup>. Wilder  
Josiah Kendall } Field Drivers —



- 9<sup>th</sup> Chose Elisha Bennett } True Viewers —  
 Jeremiah Burpee }
- 10<sup>th</sup> Chose Capt John Carter Surveyor & Leather
- 11<sup>th</sup> Chose Josiah Ballan Surveyor of Board, Hingler &c
- 12 Chose Ezra Houghton } Dear Heaf —  
 Jon<sup>g</sup> Wilder — }
13. Chose Joseph Gary } Fire men —  
 John Warner }
- 14<sup>th</sup> Voted that Mr Hoz<sup>g</sup> Gales should work out his High  
 Way Rates this year on a by way & too the  
 South Meadow (so called)
- 15 - Voted One Hundred pounds to be Worked out on the  
 High Way & Bridges this year: a man to be allow<sup>d</sup>  
 to the 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2<sup>d</sup> p<sup>er</sup> Day & a yoke of good  
 Oxen at 1/6 p<sup>er</sup> Day & a horse 19 p<sup>er</sup> Day & a Cart  
 at 1/6 p<sup>er</sup> Day
- 16 Voted forty pounds for the Support of Schools  
 the ensuing year
- 17 Voted forty pounds to Support the poor & other  
 necessary Charges that shall arise the ensuing
- 18 Voted to allow Asahel Phelps the Rates of W<sup>or</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> with  
 & Daniel Albert Jun<sup>r</sup> for the year 1756
- 19 Voted to Adjourn this meeting to the fourth Monday  
 of May Next which will be the 28<sup>th</sup> Day

Oliver Wilder Moderator

Levi Willard Scribe

Recorded March 6. 1759



Worcester

To Jeremiah Haskell one of the Constables for Lancaster  
you are in his Majesties Name Required to warn  
all the free Holders & other Inhabitants Qualified Vote  
in Town Affairs within your Precinct in Lancaster  
to meet at the Meeting house in the Second Parish  
in Lancaster on Monday the Twenty first Day of  
this Instant May at ten o the Clock in the forenoon &  
consider & act upon the Articles hereafter Mention'd -

- first To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting
- 2<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Grant Money to build a pound  
or pound as the Town shall See meet & order it to  
be aisept'd with with what was granted in March last
- 3<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Abate Tho. Hendeson his  
Rates for the Year 1757 & James Goodfrees what he was  
Rated for his Son not being 16 years Old in the  
Year 1758
- 4<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will Order the present Select  
Men or any other Person or Persons to See what  
Joshua Fletcher Rates was too Little. when he  
was Constable in the Year 1754 and to Direct  
the Select Men to give order to the Treasure to  
pay him so much as it shall appear his Rates  
was too Little Also to see if the Town will allow  
to J. Fletcher Joseph Priests Matthew Wyman  
Nehemiah Wood & Tho. Wrights their Rates for  
the Year 1754 & Joseph Priests Rates for the  
Year 1755 -
- 5<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will allow Doct Greenleaf his Aut.  
for Doctoring the Widow Woodbury -

Yours



You are likewise Requir'd to Warn all the  
Inhabitants of Lancaster in your precinct Qualify'd  
to Chuse one or more persons to Represent the Town  
of Lancaster in the Great & Generall Court the year  
ensuing to meet <sup>at</sup> the time & place within mentioned  
hereof fail not & make Return of this Warrant  
with your Doings therein to some one of us the  
Subscribers one hour before said meeting —

Dated at Lancaster May 7. 1759

Oliver Moor	} Sheriffs Lancaster
John Carter	
Geor <sup>g</sup> Gates	
Thos Burrill	
John Prescott	

Worceder Lancaster May 8. 1759 —

I have warn'd all the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
in my precinct to appear at time & place  
within mentioned to Act on the severall Articles  
within Express'd

Jeremiah Haskel } Constable

N.B. other Warrants were given to Eben Allen Jr.  
& Ebenezer Bush of the same Tenor & Date  
of the Within & Due Return thereon

True Copy — Jer<sup>m</sup> Wilbur Clerk



All a meeting of the Free holders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable  
to the Warrning aforesaid Dated the Tenth Day of  
May 1759 & Held on the Twenty first Day of May Instant  
1759 at ten of the Clock in the fore noon at the meeting  
House in the Second Parish in Lancaster & acted  
on the following Articles

first Voted & Chose Capt David Osgood Moderator  
2<sup>d</sup> Voted to adjourn the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to One of the Clock  
in the afternoon

met by adjournment. & Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Representative for this year

Resolved - Six pounds Law. Money to Build 2 Pounds  
in the Town of Lancaster one to be built in  
each Parish

Noted that M<sup>r</sup>. Hezekiah Gates & Levi Willard should  
Cast Joshua Fletcher Rates for the Year 1754  
& also allow Joshua Fletcher the Rates of  
Nehemiah Wood & Matthew Wyman for Year 1754

David Osgood Moderator  
Attest Levi Willard Clerk



Lancaster May 28. 1759 The Town being met on  
Adjournment & acted on the following Articles —

Int. Chose Dea: Oliver Moor Moderator in the Room  
of Oliver Wilder Esq: —

Ad. Chose Caleb Wilder field Driver in the Room  
of Col: Abijah Willard —

Ad. To Accept of a Road laid out by Caleb Wilder David  
Wilder & Hezekiah Gates &c as follows:

Voz:

Oliver Moor Moderator  
attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster May 26 1759. we the Subscribers being appointed  
a Committee to Lay out a High Way for the Town of Lancaster  
from the House of Capt: Joseph Moor upon Bride Lake Plain  
to the mill path by Goddridge's exclusive where it goeth through  
Amasa Turners Land that being all ready upon Record; we  
began at the corner of Moon Ditch & Ran 26 Rods by the  
line to a Stake then making an angle we Ran 15 Rods to  
a Stake by the brook then angling a little we ran up the Hill  
14 Rods to an Oak Stand, then we Ran something angling  
20 Rods to a pine tree to Mr Gofers Land the High Way betwixt  
Capt: Moors Land. three Rods wide: then we Ran 26 Rods to  
a Stake then we Ran a little angling fifteen Rods to a White  
Oak, then we Ran a little angling with the old Path 30 Rods  
to the Croft Path then 5 Rods to the County Road then making a  
Right angle from the Croft Path we Ran a little angling with  
the old Path <sup>the high way thro: J. Gofers Land</sup> 2 Rods wide then we Ran from where the Road goes  
48 Rods to a heap of Stone, 15 Rods to a white pine then we Ran 42  
to a pine stump. Ruggs Corner then we Ran angling with the  
128 Rods to the River: then we laid over the River where the  
Bridge now standeth four Rods with a sufficient convenience  
for turning at the South end of the Bridge then we Ran from the  
foot of the Bridge 20 Rods to the Unland then we Ran 83 Rods to the  
mill Path bounding Southerly, upon Doct Dunsmoors fence till  
it comes even with the land of Bazeliah Sawyer then Boundi  
North upon Sawyers Land till it comes to the mill Path the Road  
between J. Sawyers & Dunsmoors Land two Rods wide Laid out by

Caleb Wilder  
David Wilder } Common Pleas  
Hezekiah Gates }

attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worcester p. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
Legally Qualified to Vote in Town affairs, Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are hereby given to meet at the meeting  
House in the first precinct in Lancaster on Monday the third Day  
of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and  
there to act on the following Article, Viz<sup>t</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for sd Meeting.
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town officers for sd Town for the ensuing year it being  
your annual Meeting for that purpose & to accept or Discontinue  
or Change High Ways
- 3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Tax for the Support of Schools for the ensuing year  
& for other necessary charges arising in said the ensuing year
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax to be Worked out on the High Ways & Private Ways  
& Bridges the ensuing year & to say at what times of the year  
it shall be done & how much shall be allowed p Day for men & cart & costs
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Grant Benj<sup>n</sup> Willson his Rate for the  
year 1758 — 6<sup>th</sup> To see what the Town will do with the  
acct<sup>s</sup> between Dea Joshua Fairbank & the Town
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Chuse a Treasurer for to get the  
money that is due from Joshua Fletcher as Constable if Need be
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Nathl Wright Constable what  
his Rate was too Little in the year 1758
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow David Goodenow his Rate for the  
year 1758
- 10<sup>th</sup> To see where the Town will have their Town meeting for the  
future
- 11<sup>th</sup> To see what the Town will do concerning the Widow Willson  
Will & to raise money & provide in the Law if Need be

Lancaster February 9<sup>th</sup> 1760

Ordered by the Selectmen

John Willard



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & the Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable to the Warrant of preface  
dated the Ninth Day of February AD 1760 & held on the Third Day  
of March AD 1760 at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon at the  
Meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster & then acted on  
the following Article. Viz

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Oliver Wilder Esq. Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Voted & Chose Capt John Carter

Deo. Oliver Moor

Mr John Prescott

Mr Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder

Capt Levi Willard

Chosen Men

3<sup>d</sup> Voted & Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk

4<sup>th</sup> Voted & Chose Peter Green Treasurer

5<sup>th</sup> Voted & Chose Jon<sup>s</sup> Kendall Esq. Constable & then Voted to accept of  
Jeremiah Haskel in his Room  
chose Joseph Osgood Constable & Voted to accept of John Osgood  
in his Room  
chose Ephraim Sawyer Constable for the Precinct

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Elijah Houghton

Levi Moor

Joel Phelps

John Warner

James Carter

Amos Sawyer

John Snow

Jon<sup>s</sup> Prescott

David Osgood

Surveyors of High Ways

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Darius Sawyer

Capt Benj<sup>a</sup> Ballard

Levi Smith

John May Jr

Lything Men



8<sup>th</sup> Chose Capt. James Wilder  
Abijah Wyman  
Tim<sup>r</sup> Whiting  
Dea<sup>r</sup> Houghton  
Jarnott Houghton } field Drivers

9<sup>th</sup> Chose Jacob Howle  
Capt David Osgood } fence Viewers

10 Chose Capt. John Carter Dealer of Leather —

11 Chose Josiah Ballan Dealer of Things board & clabboard &c &c

12 Chose Capt. Asa Whetcomb  
Dea<sup>r</sup> Israel Houghton } Deer Keep —

13 Chose Jn<sup>r</sup> Mullins Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Joshua Houghton  
& Joseph Gary — } fire men

14 Voted fifty Pounds for the school for the ensuing year

15 Voted Seventy pound for to support the Town charge  
for the ensuing year —

16 Voted One Hundred Pound. to be Work'd out on High Ways  
& Bridges &c to be Work'd out at the same time they was  
last year & at the same Rate of Day for man & cart & cart

17 Voted to adjourn the affair between Dea<sup>r</sup> Fairbank and  
Joshua Fletcher (as in the Warrant of Gov<sup>r</sup>.) to the third  
Monday of May next —

18 Voted to allow Nathl<sup>r</sup> Wright 7/6 for his Rates being too  
small in the year 1758 —

19 Voted to try in the Law to get the full of what the  
Wid<sup>r</sup> Rebecca Willson gave the Town if not to be got  
without  
the paucity of the Road as is hereafter mentioned

20 Voted to adjourn this meeting to the Third Monday  
of May Next at two of the clock in the after noon  
Oliver Wilder moderator

Lancaster March 3<sup>d</sup> 1760

a true copy

Levi Willard Clerk

The above & within Persons were all  
sworn to their Respective offices. Except  
Dea<sup>r</sup> Israel Houghton Joshua Houghton Asa Whetcomb  
& John Warner Refer W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> —



Lancaster February 27 1760 Then laid out a by Way from  
County Road to the Way that was laid from Ephraim Rogers  
to the meeting House in the Second Precinct we began near to  
a small Bridge on the County Road about three Quarters  
of a Mile East from Joseph Gans & measured Southerly  
fifty Rods on Land of Nathan Burpe that is fifty Acre  
Land Then 60 Rods on Titty Acre Land of Zachem Royinton  
Then 57 Rods on Land of Isaac Kilborne & said Kilborne  
is Satisfy'd for said Way then on Land of Benj. Houghton  
46 Rods on his Land turning to the East & then we turn'd South  
& measured 54 Rods on Houghton Land to Ephraim Rogers Land  
then turning Southerly by Roper Land 54 Rods to the Way  
above Mentioned the Way is two Rods Wide and is laid on the  
East Side of a Range of Trees marked & all on fifty Acre Land  
except Isaac Kilborne Land

Oliver Moor } Committee  
Eon<sup>r</sup> Wilder } Order of the  
A. S. A. Wheelock } Select Men

Received North 3 1760

Intend & Levi Willard Town Clerk

Whereafter followeth an Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Overseers for the Town  
of Lancaster for the year 1759 we have made a High<sup>way</sup> Rate  
of One hundred Pounds to be Work'd on the High Ways & Committee  
Left to the Surveyors to be Work'd out on the Highways, Also we  
have made a Province Tax for the said Year of the Sum of  
Six hundred & seventeen pounds eight Shillings & Six pence  
and have committed Left to the Constable, to collect the Same  
& have sent an Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the Same to the Province Treas<sup>r</sup>.  
Also we have made a County & Town Rate of Ninety Nine pounds  
Seven shillings & Three pence & have committed Left to the  
Constables with Warrants to gather the Same of which the County  
Tax is Thirteen pounds Seven shillings & Three pence of which we  
have sent an Acc<sup>t</sup>. Gardner Chandler Esq<sup>r</sup> County Treas<sup>r</sup>.  
& have given Order to the Constables to pay also we have  
given Order to Peter Greene Town Treas<sup>r</sup> for Lancaster  
to receive of the Constables Eighty Six pounds which  
Sum was granted by the Town of Lancaster



In the Year 1759 forty pounds for the Support of Schools  
 & forty Pounds to pay Town Debt & Six pounds to Build  
 -pound — Also we find in Joshua Houghton Hand  
 Town Treasure for the Year 1758 Fifty three pounds  
 four shilling, & eight pence half pence besides £2. 8. 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
 which was an order which Deacon Joshua Fairbank  
 Refused to pay to him and we have Drawn orders with the  
 Orders Drawn by Last years Select men for the whole of  
 this Sum Very —

In favour of Jos: Fairbank for Glass for School House £0. 11. 0: 3  
 Ditto — of Asahel Phelps for several persons } 1. 0. 1. 3  
 Rates & Cleaning the school House on 4<sup>th</sup> Tick

In favour of Amara Turner for what he did for Wm: Woodbury — " 9. 8. —  
 in D<sup>o</sup> of M<sup>o</sup> Hemmingway for keeping school — 5. 1. 2. 0.

In D<sup>o</sup> of Bery: Sawyer for Wood for Wm: Woodbury — " 1. 0. 0.

In D<sup>o</sup> of John White for keeping Daniel Wyman — 5. 2. 4. 0

in D<sup>o</sup> of Paul Sawyer for Wood for the Wm: Woodbury — " 11. —

In D<sup>o</sup> of Hery: Gater for Bording M<sup>o</sup> Hemmingway }  
 & for Glass for Tables & Bowen Rates in 1757 — } — 7. 1. 4. 2

in favour of Nath: Wright for his Rates being too Little 1758 1. 0. —

in fav<sup>r</sup> of Josiah <sup>Hendall</sup> for making Rates in 1758 — 1. 0. 0. 0

in D<sup>o</sup> Joseph Whitcomb for Goodfrees Rates & for the }  
 Henderson Rates & The Nymans Rates for the year 1758 — } 2. 5. 1. —

in fav<sup>r</sup> of Abel Willard for making Rates for D<sup>o</sup> — 1. 2. 0. 0

in fav<sup>r</sup> of Levi Willard for clothing for Daniel Wyman — " 13. 11. 2

in D<sup>o</sup> of Capt Carter for sundry for Wm: Woodbury — 2. 18. 7. —

in D<sup>o</sup> of Edward Phelps for keeping M<sup>o</sup> Johnson in 1759 — 9. 18. 0. —

in D<sup>o</sup> of Hery: Gater in Debt for his time & expenses in }  
 getting Wm: Williams Will proved — } 2. 0. 8. —

in fav<sup>r</sup> of Capt Carter making Rates & taking provice — 1. 0. 0. —

in D<sup>o</sup> of Sam: Lock for Glass for the school House — " 5. 4

in D<sup>o</sup> of Doct: Harvey for Doct: Ruth: Hendale — " 7. 4

in D<sup>o</sup> of M<sup>o</sup> Swar for keeping school & bording himself — 9. 18. 4. —  
 in D<sup>o</sup> of Hery: Gater for Timber for the Obnrad — " 3. —



Joshua Houghton Treasure for the year 1758  
 Debtor - £55-12-6. 1  
 (as within) 55-12-6. 1

We have given Order to Mr. Peter Green Treasure for the year 1759 to Receive of the Uverall Constable of Larnaster Eighty six pounds & pay it out as he shall Receive orders & we have Drawn the following order upon him Viz-

In favours of Capt Caleb Wilder for what he overpaid <sup>to B. at Fairbank where ordered</sup>	£1-3-7 <sup>2</sup>
in D <sup>o</sup> of what Daniel Albert Warren't worth then <sup>his</sup> orders	" 1-0-
& for 3 la <sup>s</sup> for the school house	" 2-8-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Do <sup>r</sup> Dammoor for Do <sup>r</sup> Abigail Woodbury & her Mother untill June 27 1759	1-8-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Josiah Ballan for Work done at the school house	" 6-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Capt. Corter for Making Rate. Ho Nail for y <sup>e</sup> School house one Week & his horse to fetch the school master & for what he let John Johnson have	1-10-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of John Prescott for Making Rate & paper	" 15-6-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Tho Burnee for making D <sup>o</sup> & taking Invoic <sup>s</sup> for	" 17-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of De <sup>m</sup> Oliver Moor for making Rate & for John Benner Breacher for Nails & Work at y <sup>e</sup> School House	1-13-3
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Mr. Houghton for boards for the school house	" 4-5
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Mr. Warren for keeping school at the middle school house	7-13-10-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jeremiah Burpee for work done at y <sup>e</sup> School House	" 2-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Mr. Tware for keeping school on the next C <sup>o</sup> Spring	9-18-4-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Mr. Whiting for Boarding D <sup>o</sup>	2-12-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Paul Sawyer for Wood for Mr. Woodbury	" 4-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Hez. Gates for Making Rate, & for Stack & Writing	" 19-11-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Abijah Houghton for Timber for the Pound	" 14-4-
in fav <sup>r</sup> of Mr. Bailey w <sup>o</sup> for what choise Pound	" 5-4-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Roger Robbin for Ditto	" 8-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Nathan Burpee for D <sup>o</sup>	" 10-2
in D <sup>o</sup> of Tho Sawyer for D <sup>o</sup>	" 11-6-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Mr. Roff for D <sup>o</sup>	" 5-4-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Capt & T. Good for D <sup>o</sup>	" 18-
in D <sup>o</sup> of Ezra Houghton for D <sup>o</sup>	" 16-10-



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In favour of Joel Houghton for Work Done at 1/2 Pound	20. 2. 4
In D <sup>o</sup> of Amos Rugg for Ditto	4. 7
In D <sup>o</sup> of Eliza Sawyer for D <sup>o</sup>	11. 2
In D <sup>o</sup> of Tho Burnee for D <sup>o</sup>	12. 4
In D <sup>o</sup> of Josiah Kendall for D <sup>o</sup>	2. 8
In D <sup>o</sup> of Joseph <del>Kendall</del> <sup>Thorn</sup> for D <sup>o</sup>	7. 8
In D <sup>o</sup> of Oliver Moor for D <sup>o</sup>	12. 0
In D <sup>o</sup> of Jon <sup>s</sup> Asgood for D <sup>o</sup>	1. 2. 2
In D <sup>o</sup> of <del>Asa</del> <sup>Daniel</sup> Phelps for Keeping Jno Johnson 1758	3. 13. 0
In D <sup>o</sup> of Do <sup>s</sup> Phelps for Doit <sup>o</sup> - Ditto	17
In D <sup>o</sup> of Bazz <sup>e</sup> Sawyer for plank & Timber for Bridge	18
In D <sup>o</sup> of James Goodree for Keeping Daniel Wyman 9 months which ended Jan <sup>y</sup> 10 1760 & for shoes & cloth	3. 12. 0
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Hery <sup>h</sup> Gates for money he paid for Gag <sup>y</sup> & school <sup>house</sup>	
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Nath <sup>l</sup> Wilder for Keeping John Johnson forty eight weeks which ended March 1. 1760	10. 11. 2. 2
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Ebene <sup>r</sup> Bush for Warning Person out of Town	2. 9
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Capt <sup>l</sup> Am <sup>s</sup> Whetcomb for Keeping Abigail Woodbury	5. 4
In fac <sup>t</sup> of W <sup>m</sup> Swan for Keeping school & Last Lurter	5. 17
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Daniel Rugg for plank for y <sup>e</sup> Bridge	17
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Capt <sup>l</sup> Carter for Jun <sup>y</sup> he let y <sup>e</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Woodbury & Waug <sup>y</sup>	3. 11
& next for W <sup>m</sup> Swans Last Quarters schooling	1. 12. 4
In favour of Andrew Under for Plank for the bridge	1. 16
In fac <sup>t</sup> of L <sup>o</sup> Allen for Set <sup>t</sup> y <sup>e</sup> Wights & measures sealed	5. 10. 1
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Jos <sup>s</sup> Sawyer for sawing Plank for y <sup>e</sup> Bridge	5
In fac <sup>t</sup> of L <sup>o</sup> Allen for Warning Person out of Town	8
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Hery <sup>h</sup> Gates for three Dollars to get the Wights & measures & for his hire & expenses & Seting y <sup>e</sup> W <sup>m</sup>	2. 5. 1
Willen Will, Broad & in Work at the school house	
In fac <sup>t</sup> of Hery <sup>h</sup> Gates for Boording Mr Warren	4. 0
We have Drawn orders on Peter Greene Treas <sup>r</sup> for	79. 7. 6
& this is in his hands	6. 12. 6

Hery<sup>h</sup> Gates } elect men 186 0  
 Oliver Moor }  
 John Carter } in Lomester  
 John Prescott }



At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
legally assembled & held on the Nineteenth Day of May, <sup>1760</sup> by Adjournment  
from the third Day of March last

- 1<sup>st</sup> That the highway that was formerly laid out through the Land of the  
Heirs of Josiah Richardson late of Lancaster &c. being the Farm whereon the  
Widow Dorothy Richardson now lives be discontinued and that the highway  
that is now trod being three Rod wide through said Land be accepted  
in the Room thereof first on the Easterly Side of the House wherein the said  
Widow Richardson now lives & between the Stone walls as they now stand and  
on the Northerly Side of the Orchard and on the Northerly Side of the House of  
Lizzy Richardson and so on to the Town Line to where the way is laid  
in the Town Grant

Abel Will and Town Clerk

Worshd. To Jeremiah Maskell of Lancaster in the County of Worcester  
yeoman & one of the Constables of the same Town - Greeting

- 2<sup>d</sup> These are in his majesties Name to Will & require you forthwith  
to warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
within your District that have an Estate of Freehold of Land within  
this Province or Territory of forty Shillings p<sup>r</sup> Annun at least, or  
other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to meet & assemble  
at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster aforesd. on Monday  
the Nineteenth Day of May Instant at ten of the Clock in the forenoon  
then & there to elect & separate one or more Persons to Represent  
S<sup>r</sup> Town in a great & General Court or assembly Appointed to be  
Convened held & kept for his majesties Service at the Court House  
in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty eighth Day of May Instant  
and so to do in like manner during their Session & Sessions

- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose a Moderator  
3<sup>d</sup> To choose a Selectman & Town Clerk in the Room of Levi Willard  
going out of Town

- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Nathl Wright the Rates of James  
Malcolm & Charles Wood the year 1758

Hereof fail not to make due Return of this warrant with your  
Returns therein to one of us the Subscribers on or before the Nineteenth  
Day of May Instant given under our Hand & Seal at Lancaster  
this Ninth Day of May Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred  
sixty & the third Year of his majesties Reign

Worshd. To Lancaster May 1760  
By Virtue of the within Warrant I have warned all the  
Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster (in my  
District) legally qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time  
therein mentioned to act upon the within mentioned aforesd. matters  
as other Warrants of the same Nature  
I have Copied  
Abel Willard Town Clerk

John Carter } Selectmen  
John Prescott } of Lancaster  
Levi Willard }

Attest. Abel Willard Town Clerk



At Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster legally assembled agreeable to the warrant aforesaid dated the ninth Day of May AD 1760 & held the nineteenth Day of May 1761 at ten of the clock in the forenoon at the meeting House in the first Precinct in Lancaster and acted on the following Articles viz<sup>t</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq. to represent the Town in the great & General Court the year ensuing.

2<sup>dy</sup> Voted & chose Oliver Wilder Esq. Moderator for id meeting

3<sup>dy</sup> Voted & chose Abel Willard Town Clerk for id Town for id year

4<sup>th</sup> Voted & chose Abel Willard a Selectman for id Town for id year

5<sup>th</sup> Voted to allow to Nathl Wright the Rates of James Malcom & Charles Wood for the year AD 1758.

Oliver Wilder - Moderator

Attest: Abel Willard Town Clerk

Witnessed at May 19 1760

This may certify that Abel Willard was legally sworn to discharge the office of Town Clerk for the Town of Lancaster & also as an assessor for id Town for this year

Before me William Richardson Justice Peace  
Attest Copy - Abel Willard Town Clerk

Witnessed at Lancaster May 19 1760

This may certify that Deans Oliver Moor & Cap<sup>n</sup> John Carter were legally sworn to discharge the office of Assessors for this year

Before me William Richardson Justice Peace

A List of the Petal Jury to serve at the Sup<sup>r</sup> Court Read & accepted at the aforesd meeting

Joseph Moor	David Wilder
Samuel Locke	Caleb Wilder
Jon <sup>s</sup> Wilder	John Carter
David Osgood	
Oliver Moor	
Isa Whitcomb	
Benj <sup>t</sup> Ballard	
Joseph Whitcomb	
Thos Fairbank	
Israel Houghton	
Nehemiah Gates	
Jon <sup>s</sup> Fairbank	

Attest Copy - Abel Willard Town Clerk

Petal Jury accepted at id Meeting for y<sup>r</sup> Sup<sup>r</sup> Court

John White	Josiah Mallard	Joseph White
Abijah Willard	Nathl Wyman	Benj <sup>t</sup> Houghton jun <sup>r</sup>
Josiah Kendall	Joshua Fairbank	Jacob Fowler
Manasseh Duvall	Joshua Houghton	Dan <sup>s</sup> Pegg
Phil <sup>s</sup> Houghton	Levi Willard	Sam <sup>l</sup> Purpess
Nathl White	Eph <sup>m</sup> Carter	Nathl Sawyer
Erza Houghton	Jon <sup>s</sup> Phillips jun <sup>r</sup>	John Sawyer
John Prescott	Thos Allen jun <sup>r</sup>	
Joseph Osgood	James Wilder	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Willard jun <sup>r</sup>	Eljah Houghton	
Thos Sawyer	John Snow	
Jonas Fairbank		

Attest

Abel Willard Town Clerk



Worcester. To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs  
In his Majesty's Name you are Required to meet  
at the meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster  
On Monday the second Day of March Next at Nine of the  
Clock in the forenoon to Consider & Act on the following Articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting —
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town Officers for said Town the ensuing Year  
being your Annual meeting for that purpose —
- 3<sup>d</sup> To Grant a Tax for the Support of Schools the ensuing  
Year & to say where they shall be Kept & also to grant  
a Tax for the necessary Charges arising in said Town the  
ensuing Year —
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Grant a Tax to be work'd out on high Ways & Bridges  
and private ways the ensuing Year & to say at what time  
of the Year it shall be done & how much shall be allow'd for  
men Oxen & Carts and also to Allow or Accept of any  
ways that has been laid out the Year past —
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote that Joseph Wilder & J<sup>r</sup>. Der-  
joral Houghton & W<sup>m</sup>. Andrew Wilder shall have Liberty to  
work out their High way Rates on the bridge by the Mills  
in Donikin (so call'd) they keeping said bridge in Repair —
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if May Meeting for the time to come shall be call'd & Warr-  
by posting up Warrants at each meeting House in S<sup>t</sup>. Lancaster  
fourteen Days before meeting —
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote that the select men for the Year ensuing  
shall give Orders on the Town Treasur for the payment of S<sup>c</sup>hols  
in the Extreme part of this Town as the select men for the Year  
ad 1760 have apportioned out —
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Jones Fairbank the Old Road going thro  
his Land by his mill in line of the Road goes Round the mill pond  
Lancaster February 12. 1761  
A true copy J<sup>r</sup>. Levi Wilbur Town Clerk



(At a meeting of the Freeholders & the other inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled according to the Warrant  
aforesaid Dated February 12. 1761 & held on the Second  
Day of March. A. 1761 at Nine o'clock in the fore  
noon at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster  
then acted on the following Articles Viz

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Chose Joseph Wilder Esq. Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Chose Messrs. Dea. Oliver Moor  
Capt. John Carter  
Mr. John Prescott  
Jon<sup>s</sup>. Wilder  
David Wilder } Select men

3<sup>d</sup> Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk  
4<sup>th</sup> Chose Peter Greene Town Treasurer

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs. Manabek Dvool  
John Phelps  
David Willard } Constables

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs. Joshua Fairbank  
Jacob Towle  
Jon<sup>s</sup>. Fairbank  
David Jewett } Wardens

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs. Joseph Gary  
James Holt  
Josiah Fairbank  
Henry Haskell Jun<sup>r</sup>.  
Saml. Houghton  
Solomon Houghton  
Sher<sup>t</sup>. Hunt  
O. Wm. Phelps  
Moses Wilder } Surveyors of  
Highways



8<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Daniel Rugg  
Sam<sup>l</sup>. Prentiss  
James Roff  
Eph<sup>m</sup>. Wilder Jr. } Tything men

9<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. James Wilder  
Peter Greene  
Amos Rugg  
Elijah Houghton } Field Drivers

10<sup>th</sup> Joshua Fletcher  
Capt. John Carter } Fence Viewers

11. Capt. John Carter Dealer of Leather

12 Chose Abiah Wyman Dealer of Boards Shingles &c

13 Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Phineas Beman  
Asa Whetcomb } Deer Keepers

14. Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. John White  
Wm<sup>l</sup>. Gates  
Eph<sup>m</sup>. Houghton } Firemen

15<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise eighty pounds for schooling  
for the Year & using forty pound for the  
Grammar Schoole and forty pound of it  
for Reading & Writing in the to become  
paths of the Town



16<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise fifteen pounds to be in their own  
Charge &c &c

17<sup>th</sup> Voted One Hundred and fifty pounds to be  
work'd out on the High Ways & Bridges &c & at  
the Rate it was the last year & to be work'd out  
by the last of September

18<sup>th</sup> Voted that Joseph Wilder Esq. & Others that are  
near the Mill in a place called Ponckon that  
they shall have liberty to work out their High  
Way Rates at the Great Bridge adjoining the Mill

19<sup>th</sup> Voted to Warn the May Meeting (the year ensuing)  
for the Choice of a Representative to be notified  
by Posting up Warrants at each meeting  
Houses in Lancaster fourteen Days before meeting

20<sup>th</sup> Voted to adjourn this meeting to the 20<sup>th</sup> Day  
of May Next & the Eighth Article in the  
forepaid Warrant be continued -

Joseph Wilder moderator

A true Copy &c Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster February 14. 1761 Then laid out a Way for W<sup>m</sup> Dunsmoor  
and Barzillia Holt to come to Town & to Mill by the way in in the  
southeast part of the town it began at the town line at a stake & corner  
of S. Dunsmoor & Holt's land & ran on the line between S. Dunsmoor & Holt's  
and runs North by on Dunsmoor's land 30 Rods & then turns Easterly & runs  
on Dunsmoor's land 100 Rods to land of W<sup>m</sup> Higgin's Sawyer & then on S. Sawyer's  
land 80 Rods to S. Sawyer's land & then on S. Sawyer's land 70 Rods then  
then turns Easterly cross S. Sawyer's land 60 Rods to the above S. Sawyer's  
& on S. Sawyer's land 2 Rods to the Road that lead from Church to Aaron Sawyer's mill  
The Road is 2 Rods wide and is laid on the west side of a long of trees most  
& on the West side of Dunsmoor House

The above was accepted they taking Oliver's Moor by order of the selectmen  
up with the common allowance March 2 1761 & Levi Willard Town Clerk



February 23. 1761 Here Followeth an Account of the  
 Prudential, of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1760 the  
 Select Men of Said Town of Lancaster have Made a High  
 Way Rate of One Hundred Pounds and have Deliver'd  
 Lists thereof to the Severall Surveyors of Said Town  
 they have also Taxed the Inhabitants of Said Town with a  
 Province Tax of Five Hundred and Ninety five pounds -  
 Eighteen Shilling & Six pence & Deliver'd Lists thereof to  
 the Severall Constables, of Said Lancaster for said year  
 & have sent a Certificate thereof to the province Treasur  
 they have also Made a Town & County Rate of the  
 Sum of One Hundred and thirty three pound Twen-  
 teen Shillings & three pence, Thirteen pound Twenteen  
 & three pence part thereof being for the County & One  
 Hundred & Twenty pound the remaining part thereof  
 being for the Town & have Deliver'd Lists thereof to the  
 Constables of Said Town with warrants to Collect & pay  
 as follow: Viz. the Towns part to be paid to W. Peter  
 Greene Town Treasur by the fifteenth of february  
 Instant & the County part to be paid to Gard. Chandler  
 Esq. by the last of March Next

Here followeth an Aco. of the Town of Lancaster with Mr.  
 Peter Greene Town Treasur

Feb. 23. W. Peter Greene Town Treasur to the Town of Lancaster D<sup>o</sup>  
 to the bal. of what Remained in his hand last year or appears  
 by Aco. to be justed in the Town Book L 6<sup>0</sup> 12<sup>0</sup> 6<sup>0</sup>  
 To Cash Recd. of Jun. 24. paid Constable for the year 1760 - 24<sup>0</sup> 17<sup>0</sup> 9<sup>0</sup>  
 Cash Recd. of John Osgood & Co. for 44<sup>0</sup> 5<sup>0</sup>  
 Cash Recd. of Ephm Sawyer D<sup>o</sup> for 50 17 3  
 Car forward - L 126 12 6



To the Amount Prev.<sup>t</sup> Forward — £126.12.6

& Supra C<sup>U</sup> Vans. Orders drawn by Merchant on P. Greene

By an order in fact. of En<sup>th</sup> <sup>James</sup> Sawyer for plank. L<sup>on</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 4

Billing of John<sup>a</sup> Wildermaking Rate, ... " 12

No. 105 of Rev. Mr. Hollenfor Building Schoolmaster - Bn 9u 2-

D. ingat. of Jon<sup>a</sup> Fairbank for the support of } 3<sup>d</sup> 18—  
the school on the betwene parts }

The School in the became party

D. ingat of Nath. Wright to the State (Harbor Wood)  
and James Malcome ----- } 1<sup>st</sup> 19. 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

and James Malcome

D. in lat of Jon<sup>e</sup> Wilder for the support of school } 5 u 7 u 3  
in one of the extreme parts - - - - - }

in one of the extreme parts

Dingus of Dec. Glover, Moor, in making Kate, &c. — " 18. 8

No. 14. 1/2 m Swan for keeping school, and  
killing himself two Quarters } 20<sup>n</sup> 5<sup>n</sup> 4<sup>n</sup>

killling himself two Quarts

D. in fav of Abel Willard for making Kate, & Maria, } 2<sup>n</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>  
 bound for John Johnson - funerall }

Sound for John Johnson - Funerall

D. ingat & J. Prescott for making hats. — u 10. 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Dispar of N. Osgood for warming people out of Town — " Do —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav. of Jere<sup>h</sup> Harkell for D<sup>o</sup>to

Dingus & James Carter for the support of the school } 3. 5. 8  
in one of the Extreme parts.

in one of the extreme parts.

King's. of James Goodne for Belknap Dan<sup>d</sup> Wyman &c - 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>.

D. Edgar of Tim. Knight for Receiving for Johnson — . 3. 2. 8

D. in favor of Cap. J. N. Carter for making hats &c. 116.

D<sup>o</sup> in fac<sup>y</sup> of D<sup>ts</sup> for Billing Wm<sup>d</sup>. Woodbury Jr --- Jan 3<sup>d</sup> 11

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of Warren in Spring School the Quarter 6. 13. 4-

Dr. in fact: of Mel. Wilson for what was due to him? Mel. Wilson Dear? - " 1. 9 1/4

Ball: Due from Mr. Greene to the Town of Lancaster

60 " 13 " 6  $\frac{1}{4}$

65. 18. 11 3/4

River Moor } Stallman = 126 "12 "6  
 John Carter }

John Carter

sonnlicher

John Hancock

of the Wall and

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William  
C. W. Cong. L. A. W. W. C. W. C.



Worshippers  
(B) There are in his Majesties Name to will & require  
all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Lancaster that have an Estate of Freehold of Land within this  
province or Territory of Forty shilling & Annuum at  
least or other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds Sterling  
to meet & assemble at the Meeting house in the first  
precinct in Lancaster aforesaid on Wednesday the Twenty  
day of May Instant at ten O'clock in the Forenoon in  
the Forenoon & there to elect & Depute One or more persons  
to Represent Said Town in a Great & General Court  
or assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept to  
his Majesties Service at the Court house in Boston on  
Wednesday the Twenty seventh day of May Instant  
and so to die in them during their Session or Sessions

2<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Moderator

3<sup>ly</sup> To see what the Town will do Relating to Twenty Acres  
of Land said to be given Jonas Houghton Chas. by the Town

4<sup>th</sup> To see what the Town will do Relating the Road that  
Runs by Deans Sawyers House & say whether the  
Road shall be four or five Rod wide as is now in dispute

5<sup>th</sup> To see what the Town will do Relating the Road that  
runs by Deans Johnes Hairbanks house by the lot formerly  
Whithers he complaining that ten Rod in length  
of said Road runs in his Land & consider him as the  
Road the lead from Goodrich to Messrs. Gates it now runs  
in Deans Hairbanks Land on the lot formerly John

Rigby,

By order of the Select Men

Levi Wilson Town Clerk

Lancaster May 6. 1761

At true copy

Levi Wilson



at a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Qualified to Vote in Town  
affair & in the choice of a Representative being  
legally assembled agreeable to the aforementioned  
Warrant at the meeting house in the first precinct  
in said Town on Wednesday the Twentieth day  
of May 1761 - - The Votes being Read the  
select men Call'd for the Votes for a Representative  
& Votes were Recd. in & Wm Richardson Esq. was  
Chosen to Represent said Town for the year 1761 -  
& then came on the adjournment of month meeting  
it being the Tuesday above mentioned  
and chose Mr John Fairbank Moderator for the  
present meeting

3. It was Voted to Chuse a Committee to View the five & four  
Rod Road by Desr. Joshua Fairbank <sup>& surveyer</sup> & to say when  
it goes & how far it extends to Workhouse Chose  
Messrs Desr. Josiah White Desr. Hooker Or good & Abel  
Willard for the Committee the Road from John  
Goodriches to the School house by Mr. Gate & to  
say whose land it goes upon & to make Report at  
the next meeting  
Voted to give John Fairbank the Road going  
through the mill pond in line of the Road  
going Round the same  
Jen Fairbank Moderator

Incl (any)  
Levi Willard Town Clerk



Resolved by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs -  
Greene

In his Majesties Name you are Required to meet  
at the meeting house in the first Precinct in Lancaster  
on Monday the first Day of March Next at Nine  
of the Clock in the forenoon then and there to discuss  
the following Articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town Officers for said Town the ensuing  
Year it being your Annual Meeting for that Purpose
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will Raise Money for the Support  
of the schools
- 4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Raise Money to be work'd out  
on the High ways & Bridges
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Raise Money to Defray  
the Town Charge
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will provide a work House for  
Idle Persons
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote to Grant the Petition  
of Levi Wilman & others <sup>that</sup> the second precinct of Lancaster  
be set off as a separate Town of Destruction
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote to Grant the Petition  
of Elijah Wilman and others
- 9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote to let the Slave  
Run at Large
- 10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept or Discontinue  
the High ways if need be

By order of the Selectmen  
Lancaster Feb 7 8 1762 Levi Wilman To Clerk  
a true copy  
attest Levi Wilman & Clerk



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled Agreeable to the  
Warrant aforesaid Dated February the 8<sup>th</sup> 1762 &  
held on the first day of March 1762 at Nine of the Clock  
in the fore noon at the meeting house in the first  
precinct in Lancaster & they acted on the following  
Articles Viz -

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chose David Osgood Esq. Moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> Voted & Chose (Messrs. Ezra Houghton Peter Greene  
Nathl. Wyman Jere<sup>h</sup>. Burpee & Elijah Willard Clerk  
men of the year ensuing
- 3<sup>d</sup> Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk
- 4<sup>th</sup> Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer
- Chose Nathl. <sup>White</sup> Constable, & then Voted to Receive for m<sup>th</sup>  
Harkell in his Room - & Voted & Chose Eph<sup>m</sup>. Carter  
Constable, & then Voted to Receive Hannah Dick <sup>Room</sup> in m<sup>th</sup>  
Chose John May for another Constable  
then Joseph Moor for Ditto. & then Voted to Reconsider  
it & Pass in the Affirmative. & then Voted & Chose  
W<sup>m</sup> Dunsmoor for one of the Constables the ensuing year
- Chose James Wilder  
Eben<sup>r</sup>. Hilden  
A la Whetcomb  
Eben<sup>r</sup> Bup - } Wardens
- Chose Amos Sawyer  
Richard Montee  
David Osgood  
Elijah Houghton } Cy thing men



8<sup>th</sup> Voted & chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson S.

John Rugg  
John White  
W<sup>m</sup> Phelps  
Roger Robbin  
Nathan Burpee  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Bixby  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Mentie  
Josiah Dool  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Wilder

Surveyors of  
High Ways.

9<sup>th</sup> Chose Tim<sup>o</sup> Writling  
Micheal Sawyer  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Sawyer  
J<sup>h</sup>s Sawyer

Field Drivers

10<sup>th</sup> Chose Cor<sup>l</sup> James Wilder  
Jonas Fairbank

Senior Viewers

11<sup>th</sup> Chose Philemon Houghton  
Jon<sup>l</sup> Fairbank

Saler of Leather

12<sup>th</sup> Chose Abijah Wyman Salar of Boards & Shingles &c

13<sup>th</sup> Chose Joseph Gary  
Abner Houghton

Deer Keep

14<sup>th</sup> Chose Mr<sup>l</sup> Hoz<sup>l</sup> Gater Edward Robbins  
& Jon<sup>l</sup> Wilder fire men

15<sup>th</sup> Voted One Hundred & fifty pounds to be Worked out  
on the High Ways & Bridges & at the Rate it was  
the last year



Voted to Raise One Hundred pounds to be paid  
in Schooling the ensuing year. -----

Volts Twenty pounds for the Charge that shall  
Necessarily arise in Said Town the ensuing year

voted to give leave to Abijah Willard & others to build  
a School House on the Town Land below the meeting  
in the first Norwich.

The Motion of Levi Willard & others was negatived —  
Voted on the ninth Article & passed in the negative  
Voted that the select men shall hire a Work house  
for idle persons if needed —  
The meeting of the nineteenth

For the persons of name  
Noted to adjourn this meeting to the nineteenth  
day of May at one of the clock in the afternoon  
David a good moderator

David Asgood Moderator

The following persons (Messrs Levi Willard Town Clerk  
were sworn by Wm Richardson Esq James Wilder Esq Allen Josiah Fairbanks  
John Sawyer Esq Thos Houghton Esq Roger Rich Esq Walter Esq & Wm  
Elijah Willard Peter Greene Jeremiah Barner Saml Bixby Valter Wilder  
Joseph Gary Wm Richardson John White John Rugg Esq Whiting Wm Esq  
which Wm Esq David Briggs Esq Eliza Houghton John May & Wm  
Dunsmoor were sworn by David Briggs Esq

Feb / 22: V/O2 There followeth an Act of the Pruden-

Feb. 22: V/62 Here followeth an Acc<sup>t</sup> of the Pruden-  
tials of the Town of Lancaster for the Year V/61 - Viz.

The Assessors of Said Town have taken a Valuation  
in Obedience of the Courts Directions - Also have  
made a High Way Rate of One Hundred & forty pounds  
& have deliver'd Lists thereof to the severall Wardens of Said Town  
They have also assessed the Inhabitants of Said Town  
Three Hundred & sixty nine pounds & have  
deliver'd Lists thereof to the Constables of Said Town for said  
year & have sent Certificates thereof to the respective  
Therefore they have also made a Town & County Rate  
of the Sum of One Hundred & Twenty ~~five~~ pounds  
Sixteen shilling & three pence.

Free n 7



Twenty five pounds Seven Shilling, one penny  $\frac{3}{4}$   
 being for the County & Ninety five pounds Nine shilling  
 One penny  $\frac{3}{4}$  for said Town and have given Certs to the  
 Constables of said Town with Warrants to gather the same  
 To Mr David Willan One of the Constables of said Town the  
 Sum of Forty eight pounds four shilling, two pence  
 Nine pence thereof to be paid to Gardner Chandler Esq: County  
 Treasure & Thirty Nine pounds four Shilling, two pence  
 to be paid unto Peter Green Treasure for Lancaster by  
 the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of February Instant — To John Phelps  
 Another Constable of said Town Forty six pounds five  
 shilling, & four pence  $\frac{3}{4}$  Nine pounds thereof to be  
 paid to Gardner Chandler Esq: Treasure for County  
 by thirty first day of March Next & Thirty seven  
 pounds, five shilling, & four pence  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be paid to Peter Green  
 Town Treasure by the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of February

To Manasseh Divoll Another Constable of said Town  
 the Sum of Twenty six pounds six shilling, &  $\frac{3}{4}$   
 seven pounds Seven shilling, one penny  $\frac{3}{4}$  thereof to  
 be paid unto Gardner Chandler Esq: Treasure for County  
 by the thirty first day of March, & Eighteen pounds  
 Nineteen shilling, Six pence  $\frac{3}{4}$  to be paid unto Mr.  
 Peter Green Town Treasure for Lancaster by the 22<sup>d</sup> of February  
 Here followeth an Audit of the Town of Lancaster with  
 Peter Green Town Treasure: —

Peter Green Town Treasure to y<sup>e</sup> Town of Lancaster D<sup>n</sup>  
 To the bal: of what Remain'd in his hand last Year as appears  
 on the Town Book as justed & Dated Feb: 22<sup>d</sup> 1761 £ 65. 18. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 To Cash Recd: of John Phelps Constable for 1761 — 37. 5. 4 $\frac{3}{4}$   
 To D<sup>n</sup> of Manasseh Divoll for Ditto for 1761 — 18. 19. 6 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 To Ditto of David Willan — Ditto for 1761 — 39. 4. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 £ 161. 8. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$



To the Am<sup>d</sup>. Prot. Forward ————— £ 161. 8. 1/4

Supra

By an Order in fav<sup>r</sup> of John Prescott it being for  
taking the Valuation ————— } — 2. 12. —

Settle in fav<sup>r</sup> of John Osgood for Jones Poll and  
Rates being Rated in Bolton ————— } 1. 0. 10

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> John Carter it being for taking  
the Valuation ————— } — 3. 6. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Peter Joslin for Daniel Stornes being  
Rated to him when he was not under his Care ————— } — 1. 0. 1

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Daniel Hugg for Timber for the Pound — 1. 6. 8

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Josiah Bennet for planks & Timber for the bridge — 2. 7. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of David Wilder for Recording Warrants  
to Worn People out of Town ————— } — 10. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of John Prescott for Board found to Mend  
Wid<sup>ow</sup> Woodburys House ————— } — 15. 5. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of him for making Rates ————— } — 14. 5. 1/2

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of David Wilder for Cleaning  
Wid<sup>ow</sup> Woodburys House ————— } — 1. 7. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Con<sup>st</sup> Ballan for Hinges & mending  
the School House ————— } — 9. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Stephen Foster for mending  
Wid<sup>ow</sup> Woodburys House ————— } — 6. 8. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Cap<sup>t</sup> Gater for Timber for the Pound — 13. 8. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Elisha Bennet for Plank for Bridge 1. 4. 7/8

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Levi Moor for keeping School — 1. 1. 3

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of W<sup>m</sup><sup>r</sup> Sawyer for Warning  
People out of Town ————— } — 3. 6. —

D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Nathan Hugg for Building the Pound — 2. 2. 0

Car<sup>d</sup> over ————— £ 244. 0. 2 1/2



D. to the recd. Mr. Forward £161. 8. 1/2

By the Am. Mr. Over £24. 0. 2

Order gave 3/4 then by Harkell for School money --- 3. 8. 4

Bills of Stanley Prentice for Doctoring John Johnson --- 1. 12

D. of Jon. Whetcomb for a nice Alberts Kaler --- 17. 9

D. of John Bennett for a Chair for the School --- 4

D. of Benj. Houghton for his Kaler --- 9. 9

D. of Josiah Swan for Boarding himself }  
when kept School --- } 1. 9. 4

D. of Ditto for Keeping School Six month. --- 16. 16

D. of John Rugg for Plank for the Bridge --- 8

D. of David Wilder for making Kaler --- 14. 8

D. of Father Wilder for Keeping John Johnson --- 4. 10

D. of Gardner Wilder for Boarding Mr. Swan --- 2

Total --- £56. 10. 0

Balance Due to y<sup>e</sup> Town 104. 18. 1/2

£161. 8. 1/2

Oliver Moor }  
David Wilder } Select men  
John Carter }  
Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder } of  
} Minister

A True Copy

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk

~~Oliver Moor~~



Warrant for May Meeting 1762

Whereas There are in his Majesty's Service and Require  
all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Lancaster that have an Estate of Freehold of Land within  
this province or Territory of forty Shilling, or more  
at least or other Estate to the Value of forty pounds  
Sterling to meet and assemble at the Meeting House in  
the first precinct in Lancaster aforesaid on Monday  
the seventeenth Day of May Instant at Ten of the Clock  
in the forenoon of them to elect & nominate one or more  
Persons to represent the Town in a Great & General  
Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held &  
held for his Majesty's Service at the Court house in  
Boston on Wednesday the Twenty sixth Day of May Inst:<sup>th</sup>  
and so De Die in Diem, Telling their Reasons & Reasons,  
it is to Choose a Moderator for said meeting

1<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow Mr. John Brown's Rate, that he  
paid in the year 1758 & 1759 as he was a Grammar School Master  
& also for the year 1760

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow Mr. Pothams his Rate for the year 1759  
3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow to Amos Judd the Rate he paid  
for his Van Enoch in the year 1759

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow the Request of Do<sup>r</sup> Prentice  
& Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Moor Viz<sup>t</sup> to let the House (that now  
stands partly on the high way) stand where it is

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow the Owners of pinchill  
to shut up the Road & make a bridge way of it

By Order of the Select men

Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster May 3<sup>d</sup> 1762

a True Copy

Levi Willard Town Clerk



At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled Agreeable to the  
Warrent within mentioned to Vote in Town Affairs  
& to Make Choice of a Representative at the Meeting  
House in the first precinct in said Town on Monday  
the seventeenth day of May 1762

The select men called for the Vote, for a Representative  
& the Votes being brought in & made Choice of W.  
David Wilder to Represent said in the Great &  
General Court for the Year 1762

Then Chose David Osgood Esq. Moderator for said Meeting  
1<sup>st</sup> Voted to leave Mr. Josiah Brown his Rates for the Year  
1758, 1759 & 1760 for the several sums he was Rated  
in the Rates of Ebenezer Bush Ephraim Sawyer &  
David Willard

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted to allow W<sup>m</sup> Perham his Rates for his Head  
he being in the service 1759

4<sup>th</sup> Article Voted upon & Negatived

5<sup>th</sup> Article Negatived

6<sup>th</sup> Voted to let the proprietors of Pine Hill make  
a bridge Way through it they leaving out the  
Water in the High Way

Then came on the adjournment of next Meeting to  
Vote to allow for Fairbanks a Road from the West by  
corner of Paul Houghton, land into the Road near Josiah  
Cook's House he having the old Road (in the line of it)  
formerly laid out for him and others to go to Publick Works  
on Mr. Baileys land

7 Voted to Adjourn this Meeting to the thirty first day Instant.  
David Osgood Moderator.

a true Copy Levi Willard Town Clerk



Lancaster May 31. 1762

At a Town Meeting held at Lancaster at the Meeting  
House in the first Precinct by adjournment from, then  
the 17<sup>th</sup> 1762

1. <sup>of</sup> John De. Oliver Moor Moderator  
Voted to accept the Report of the Committee that Respects  
the Road from Roper Brook to Harrah. Lott & the Vote  
bene Under said Report Relating to the Road that  
goes by by De. Joshua Hairbanks

2. Voted to accept of a Bridge Way as laid out by Dea.  
Oliver Moor & Thos. Burpee for the Request of  
Major Burpee

Oliver Moor Moderator

True Copy Levi Willard Town Clerk

a Report of a Committee of a Road by D. Hairbanks

We the Subscribers being Chosen a Committee by  
the Town of Lancaster May 26<sup>th</sup> 1762 at their Town Meeting  
then held at Lancaster, to view the five & four Rod Road  
that goes by De. Joshua Hairbanks & Amos Sawyer &  
to say where it goes & how far it extends towards Wapahacomb  
& upon whose land it goes upon, beg leave to Report as  
follows Viz. we are of Opinion that the fence as it now stands  
at the Northwest Corner of Dr. Stanton Wrenthams Land  
by Roper Brook (so called) stands on the East side of the street  
& is a cross way as it is called by the old Road, & the same street  
or cross way run from said Corner South 23 $\frac{1}{2}$  West till it  
comes to Harrahs Lot which is now owned by Thos. Gates  
& said Hairbanks, then run South 49 $\frac{1}{2}$  West towards  
Wapahacomb & extends to the place where Capt. Joseph  
Moor lives & that it is five Rod wide and are of Opinion  
that every person that owns land bounding upon said street  
between S. Corner & said Amos Sawyer House has  
freight upon said street except M. Wrenthams, Sawyer  
& find it is not open five Rod wide after it is past  
said



Said Amos Sawyer but are Not able to say who has Traspes  
upon the same, we find altho there is a four Rod Road  
which was laid out from the saw Mill brook to the Road  
which leads to Prescotts Mills & find that part of said  
Herskies Gater fence which Incloses his Harris place  
stands in the High way & that Eon Joseph Moors fence  
which Incloses the land that he purchased of Jon Fairbank

Joseph White  
Hooker Osgood } Committee  
Abel Willard

N.B. it appears by some persons that the above said Eon  
street after it came to said Fairbanks land upon petition  
of W. Jabez Fairbank Esq. was turned by the Town where  
Jon Joshua Fairbanks now lives & to be three Rod wide  
& said Fairbank to have the old one in lieu of the  
New one

Abel Willard

a True Copy

Levi Willard Clerk

Lancaster May 19. 1759 then laid out a by way  
from the house of Moser Burrue to the High way by the  
Wid Rachel Whitcomb's house it goes on 50 Beer Land  
of Moser Burrue 28 Rods to the end of the Wid Whitcomb  
which is a first lot where there is no allowance for a way  
& goes seventy one Rods to the High way above mentioned  
The said way is two Rod wide & is laid on the West side  
of some trees mark'd on the West side of a stone Wall  
& two Rods & by the on hand of s. Wid Whitcomb

Oliver Moor } select men  
Thos. Burrue } of Lancaster

Accepted & Recorded May 31 y<sup>r</sup> Levi Willard Clerk



Warrant To the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally Summoned & Held in  
Town Hall in Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are required to meet  
at the meeting House in the first precinct in Lancaster  
on Monday the thirteenth day of September next at  
two of the Clock in the afternoon then & there to act on  
the following Articles

First to Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse some meet Person to be Register of Deeds  
& conveyances in & for said County of Worcester in the  
County of the Honorable John Chandler Esq. Clerk  
of the Register of Deeds.

Witness our hands the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 1752  
a True Copy

John Willard Clerk

Lancaster Sept 13 1752 At a Meeting of the Freeholders  
& Other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Legally  
assembled agreeable to the Warrant above mentioned  
to be in Town again & to make choice of a Register  
of Deeds for the County of Worcester

Ans. Chose M<sup>r</sup>. David Wilder Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> Vote was called for a Register, & they were Pro.  
in, & then Delivered to the select men.

David Wilder Moderator  
a True Copy

John Willard Clerk



Worcester To the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Shalld be Voted in Towne again - Gratifying  
In his Majesty's name you are required to meet at the  
meeting <sup>house</sup> in the first Ancient Lane Lancaster On Monday  
the Seventh Day of March Next at Nine of the Clock in the  
fore noon Then & there to elect on the following articles, viz  
to Chuse a Moderator for said meeting  
to Chuse a man or men for said Town the ensuing Year  
to bring your Annually for that purpose, & to accept  
of a continuance or Change of High Ways

1<sup>st</sup> To grant a Tax to Support the Grammar School &  
for other necessary charges belonging in S<sup>r</sup> Town the  
ensuing Year

2<sup>nd</sup> To grant a Tax to be Worked out on High Ways Private  
Highways & Bridges the ensuing Year & to show at what  
time of the Year it shall be done I have much to Hall  
be allowed of I am for Man Oxen & Cart & it had to  
have collection to gather the same if Not Worked  
out on the High Ways.

3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will <sup>the</sup> allow to have the  
water that was be kept upon John Bowers in the  
Year 1701

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Build a Work House &  
where the same shall be placed

By order of the select men  
William Willard Clerk

at a meeting Feb: 10 1703

at true Copy

William Willard Clerk



At a Meeting Legally Warned & held on Monday the  
Seventh Day of March A. D. 1763 at the Meeting House  
in the first precinct in Lancaster at Nine of the Clock in  
the forenoon

1<sup>st</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq. Moderator

2<sup>d</sup> Chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> { Abijah Willard -- Sworn  
Asa Wheelcomb -- Sworn  
Caleb Wilder Sworn } Select Men  
John Carter Ditt<sup>o</sup>  
Jon<sup>as</sup> Fairbank D<sup>o</sup>

3<sup>d</sup> Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk

4<sup>th</sup> Peter Green Town Treas<sup>r</sup> (Sworn)

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Nath<sup>l</sup> Wyman for the North Side } old Precinct  
Will<sup>m</sup> Hooker for South Side } Ditt<sup>o</sup>  
Sworn & Jon<sup>as</sup> Knight was Sworn } Constables

Accepted in his Room  
Sworn Jeremiah Burne for North Side } New Precinct  
Aaron Sawyer for South Side } Ditt<sup>o</sup>

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Abijah Wyman Sworn  
John Merrett -- Sworn } Wardens  
John Snow  
Ezra Houghton Sworn

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Andrew Wilder Sworn  
John Phillips Sworn } Lying Men  
Asa Wilder  
Jon<sup>as</sup> Asgood Sworn



8<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Herzeki<sup>l</sup> Cato, Sworn  
 Sworn Abijah Wyman  
 Tim<sup>o</sup> Knight  
 Sworn Prael Houghton  
 Tittle Tilly Moor  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Houghton  
 Joel Houghton  
 Prael Houghton  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Sawyer

Surveyors  
 of  
 High Ways

9<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Joseph Wheelock  
 Abijah Houghton  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Wyman  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Prescott

Field Drivers

10<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> John Carter Sworn  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank Tittle

House Viewers

11<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Philemon Houghton  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank

Scalers of Leather

12. Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Abijah Wyman  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder

Scaler of Boarding  
 Sloop Spingles &c

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Andrew Wilder Surveyor of Weights & Sworn

13. Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Moses Sawyer  
 Joseph Garry

Deer Reeves

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>n</sup> Herzeki<sup>l</sup> Cato  
 Edw. Robbin  
 Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank

Fire Wards

Noted



15<sup>thly</sup> Voted for by four pounds for the Support of a School  
of the School to be kept in such place as the  
Select men shall think proper

16<sup>thly</sup> Voted, that One Hundred pounds be Worked out on  
the High Ways & Bridges in Manera last year

7 Voted to raise fifty pounds for the necessary  
Charges of the Town

Voted to allow John Phelps the Rates of John Bowen

Voted that the School House should be a Work House & should be

Voted that this Meeting be Adjourned to the third of  
May Next

William Richardson. Moderator

A True Copy

Attest Levi Wilbur Clerk



Feb. 4 21. 1763 Here followeth an Acct. of the  
Prudentials of the Town of Lancaster for the year 1762  
The Select men of Said Lancaster have made a High  
Way Rate of One Hundred & fifty pounds & have  
Delivered Lists thereof to the Severall Surveyors  
of Said Town they have also assessed the Inhabitants  
of Said Town with a provincial Tax of Three Hundred  
& Seventy Seven pounds thirteen Shillings, & eight  
pence one farthing & Delivered Lists thereof to the  
Severall Constables, of Said Lancaster for Said year  
& have sent a Certificate thereof to the Province  
Treasure, they have also made a Town &  
County Rate of the Sum of One Hundred and  
thirty three pounds ten Shillings, thirteen pence  
ten Shillings Part thereof being for the County  
& One Hundred & Twenty pounds the remaining  
part thereof being for the Town & have Delivered  
Lists thereof to the Constables of Said Town with  
Warrents to Collect & pay as follows - - Viz.<sup>t</sup>

To Towns part to paid to Peter Green Town Treasure  
by the Twentieth day of February Inst. & the  
County, Part to be paid to Edward Chandler Esq.<sup>r</sup>  
by the Last day of March Next —

Here follow the Receipts of the Town of Lancaster  
with Peter Greene Town Treasure

Cor. Johnson



Peter Green Town's Treasur<sup>r</sup> to the Town of Lancaster D<sup>r</sup>  
 To the bal<sup>y</sup> of what remained in his hands last year as  
 appears by ac<sup>t</sup>. adj<sup>ed</sup> in the Town Book £104<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
 To Cash Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Severall Constables } 120<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>..</sup> 0  
 for the Year 1762 - - - - - }  
 £224<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

& Supra - - - - - £:

By an Order in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jon<sup>r</sup> Wilder for taking y<sup>e</sup> Valuation £3<sup>..</sup> 12<sup>..</sup> 0  
 Ditto - - - - - Ditto for making Rates - - - - - " 12<sup>..</sup> 8  
 Ditto - - in D<sup>r</sup> for School money in the }  
 Extrem<sup>e</sup> parts of the Town - - - - - } - - 2<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> -  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Tho<sup>s</sup> Burpee for School Money - - - - - 2<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> -  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Caleb Wilder for Ditto - - - - - 2<sup>..</sup> 7<sup>..</sup> 1  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jon<sup>r</sup> Fairbank for Ditto - - - - - 7<sup>..</sup> 7<sup>..</sup> 4  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Levi Willard for Nails for }  
 the W<sup>d</sup> Woodbury House - - - - - } - - - - - " 3<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>..</sup> 1/2  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Paul Richardson for Hinges for y<sup>e</sup> Pound - - - - - " 3<sup>..</sup> 2  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of John White for School money - - - - - 5<sup>..</sup> - - -  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Nath<sup>l</sup> Sawyer for Ditto - - - - - 6<sup>..</sup> 16<sup>..</sup> 10  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Will<sup>m</sup> Hooker for Ditto - - - - - 6<sup>..</sup> 12<sup>..</sup> 8  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Oliver Moor for mending the School }  
 House & getting the School master - - - - - } - - - - - " 13<sup>..</sup> 4  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Maj<sup>r</sup> John Carter for Repairing W<sup>d</sup> Woodbury 4<sup>..</sup> 0<sup>..</sup> 0  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Ditto for making Rates & paving - - - - - " 14<sup>..</sup> 8  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Oliver Moor for taking the Valuation }  
 & woods - - - - - } - - - - - 3<sup>..</sup> 12<sup>..</sup> -  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Eph<sup>m</sup> Willard for School money - - - - - 2<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> -  
 D<sup>r</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for plank for Bridge - - - - - 2<sup>..</sup> 9<sup>..</sup> 8  
 Car<sup>d</sup> over - - - - - £52<sup>..</sup> 18<sup>..</sup> 5<sup>..</sup>



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To an Order in fav. of Abel Willard for Drawing Warrant	---	" 3
Ditto in fav. of John Osgood for Jonathan Pollards Rate	---	1. 0. 10
D. in fav. of Bazell Sawyer for getting wood for the Wd. Woodbury	} ---	1. 4
D. in fav. of Abel Willard for taking Valuation	---	2. 15. 4
D. in fav. of John Osgood for Jhabed Turners Rate	---	" 16. 8
D. in fav. of Abel Willard for his Expenses in getting the Money from Hampshire	} ---	1. 1. 4
D. in fav. of Maj. Carter for Keeping the Woodbury with provisions one year past	} ---	3. 0
D. in fav. of John Phelps for Warning People out of Town	} ---	" 2. 8
D. in fav. of Edward Robbing for School Money	---	3. 2. 1
D. in fav. of John Osgood for Th. Grants Rate	---	1. 0. 8
D. in fav. of Oliver Moor for making Rate	---	" 14. 6
D. in fav. of W. Parker for Keeping School & Boarding himself one Quarter of a year	} ---	10. 2. 8
D. in fav. of John Phelps for Timber for the Bridge	---	1. 9. 1 1/2
D. in fav. of W. Perham for his Rate	---	" 18. 2
D. in fav. of W. Parker for Keeping school & Boarding himself. One Week	} ---	6. 19. 4
D. in fav. of John Goodridge for the money for Mr. Kelborn	---	" 4
D. in fav. of Levi Willard for Newspaper for Ditto	---	1. 3. 9
D. in fav. of W. Josiah Swan for Keeping School & Boarding himself one Quarter of a year	} ---	10. 2. 8
D. in fav. of Nath. Wyman for Timber for the Bridge making Rate, fitting the School House	} ---	3. 1. 4 1/2
D. in fav. of Manasseh Divallo for Warning People out of Town & Timber for the Bridge	---	" 19. 2
For Town	---	102. 19. 0



Pro: Toward

1792. 19. 9<sup>th</sup>

To an order in fav. of Hozk <sup>h</sup> Gates for getting Wood & } Other necessaries for the Wid <sup>o</sup> Kilborne - - - - -	1. 2. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of J <sup>o</sup> Haskel for warning people out of } Town & Duties for the Bridge - - - - -	" 18. 6
D <sup>o</sup> of Joseph Willard for keeping School & board. of himself - - -	4. 1. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of Mary Carter for Necessaries for Wid <sup>o</sup> Woodbury - - -	3. 7. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of J <sup>o</sup> R <sup>o</sup> for being over rated - - - - -	8. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of J <sup>o</sup> great Atthornton for keeping School - - -	On 13. 4
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of Abijah Willard for plank for the Bridge } for Necessaries for Wid <sup>o</sup> Kilborne & making Rates - - -	3. 13. 5 <sup>th</sup>
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of Aaron Willard for Board for the School } House & framing of Traps for the Bridge - - -	2. 2 10
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of Joseph Wheelock for keeping Wid <sup>o</sup> } Kilborne 6 Weeks & moving her - - -	1. 16
D <sup>o</sup> in fav. of John Wheelock for keeping Eliza } Kilborne 12 Weeks - - - - -	1. 3. 8 <sup>th</sup>

Bal Due to The Town from Green 128. 6. 6<sup>th</sup>  
96. 11. 6<sup>th</sup> 1/4

224. 18. 3<sup>th</sup> 1/4

Abijah Willard } Select men  
Peter Green }  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Wyman } of Lancaster  
Jeremiah Burne }

a true Copy

Attest Levi Willard & Clark



Worcester /s/ These are in his Majesties Name  
to will and require all the Freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
that have an Estate of Freehold of Land within  
this province or Territory of forty Shillings  
a annum at Least or other Estate to the  
Value of forty pounds Sterling, to meet &  
assemble at the Meeting House in the First  
Precinct in Lancaster aforesaid Tuesday the  
Seventeenth day of May Inst. at Ten of the  
Clock in the Forenoon & there to elect & depose  
one or more persons to represent Said Town  
in a Great & General Court or assembly  
appointed to be convened held & kept for his Majesties  
Service at the Court House in Boston Wednesday  
the twenty fifth day of May Inst. and so to do  
in Diem During their Session or Sessions viz.

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will allow the Request  
of Jonathan Wilder & others viz. to See if they will  
Vote to raise money for a School in the Eastward  
Part & Build School Houses for the same

3<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will Grant the petition of  
Jonathan Willson of Leominster & others to See if  
they will Discontinue a private way & Chuse  
a Committee as is set forth in said Petition

4<sup>th</sup> To See if the Town will accept or Discontinue  
the Road that are Laid out

By order of the Select men  
John Willard Town Clerk  
Lancaster May 3. 1763  
a true copy attested J. Willard Secy.



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Lancaster Legally Assembled agreeable to  
the Warrant before Mentioned to Vote in Town Affairs &  
to make Choice of a Representative, at the Meeting  
House in the first Avenue in Said Town On Sunday  
the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May A 1763 viz -

First. The Select Men Call for the Voter for a Representative  
& the Voter being bro<sup>d</sup> in & the Town made Choice  
of W<sup>m</sup> David Wilbur to Represent S<sup>d</sup> Town in the  
Great & General Court for the year 1763

Then v<sup>d</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator for Said Meeting

3<sup>d</sup>. Voted on the Request of Jon<sup>s</sup> Willison & others, that  
three of the Select Men of Lancaster this present  
year be a Committee to View the Premises  
& make Report to the Town as to the Expediency  
of answering their Request, Next March Meeting  
or allso ~~to~~ Agree with the Owners of the Land if  
Need be

4<sup>th</sup>. Voted to accept of John Orgood as one of their Constables  
for this year in the Room of Nath<sup>l</sup> Wyman

Voted to accept of Asa Whetcomb as one of the Constable  
for this year in the Room of Aaron Sawyer

Voted to accept a Road laid out by Abijah Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>  
& say John Carter of two Rods Wide thro<sup>o</sup> S<sup>d</sup> Carter & John  
Titchers Land as to the Return here of ter Mentioned

Voted to accept the Road laid out by Abijah Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>  
& Peter Green thro<sup>o</sup> Jo<sup>h</sup>n Wilders Land & others as  
agreed by the Return hereafter Mentioned

Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Moderator

a True Copy

Attest Levi Willard T<sup>e</sup> Clerk



Lancaster May 16<sup>th</sup> 1763—

Then laid out a Two Rod Road as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>  
beginning at the Road that leads from Benj<sup>s</sup>  
Asgood to James Carters beginning at a Pitch pine  
Tree upon the West Side of the Road running  
forty two Rods through Joshua Hetchens Land  
as the trees are Mark'd upon the North Side of the  
Road & Ninety Six Rods through May John Carters  
Land to a brook that run out of Joseph Asgood  
meadow into said Carters meadow

Abijah Willard } Select  
John Carter } men in  
a true Copy to Levi Willard Clerk } Lancaster

These may Certify that the Road laid out the  
first day of June 1762 from Edmund Larkins Dwells  
place began at the Southerly Side of Matthias  
Larkins Land runs Northerly through said Matthias  
Land 27 Rods till it <sup>comes</sup> to Land Attacked by Peter Green for  
Leuben Smith then thro' said Smiths Land North Easterly  
forty one Rods to Land of Edmund Larkins then thro' Ed-  
munds Land Northerly 32 Rods there is a way one Rod  
wide towards the East from this Road 16 Rods Long to  
Peter Larkins Land thence Northerly still through some  
Common Land 15 Rods to Land of Jon<sup>s</sup> Wilder thence thru  
the Land of said Wilder 143 Rods to Land of Hezekias  
Gates then through said Gates Land forty Rods to  
Clams hell Pond where there is a Road already lay-  
out it is to be Understood that Matthias Larkins is  
have the allowance for what the said Road  
taken out of Smiths Land & the Road is to be  
two Rods Wide

Accepted May 17. 1763

Abijah Willard } Select men  
Peter Greene } of  
Lancaster

A true Copy to Levi Willard Clerk



Hozekiah Gates Protest against the fore said Way

That may Certify whom it may concern  
whereas the select men of Lancaster have laid out away  
or Road upon my Land near Clamshell pond in Lancaster  
& the town in May last hath accepted the same for  
a Town Way & the Subscriber upon whose Land  
way was laid out never had the least satisfaction  
or allowance for said way or any knowledge of said  
way being laid out or accepted by the town & it  
being effectly to my damage for the said way to go  
where it is laid out by reason of cutting off the Water  
from a great part of my Land there - Wherefore I do  
Disallow & forbid the way being Recorded in the Records  
for Ways in Lancaster or Used for a Way without  
Satisfaction to me for the Damage it doth me  
for the Damage is great for the Reason above said  
Lancaster June 1. 1763 Hozekiah Gates

a true Copy attested Levi Willard Clerk

There may Certify that whereas the select men of  
Lancaster have laid a Road through my Land near  
W<sup>m</sup> Benj<sup>r</sup> Osgood that leads to Joseph Osgood in  
Lancaster & the town in May last hath accepted the  
same for a Town Way, wherefore I do Disallow and  
forbid said Road being Used as a high way without  
satisfaction to me for the Damage it does -

Lancaster Feb: 4<sup>th</sup> 1764 Joshua Fletcher



Worcester To the Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally Summed to Meet in Town  
affair ----- Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are Required to  
Meet at the Meeting house in the first precinct  
in Lancaster On Monday the Twelfth day December  
Next at ten of the Clock in the forenoon then where  
is set on the following Articles - - - - - Viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> That B. Chune a Moderator for said Meeting  
2<sup>dly</sup> To see if the Town will grant the Petition of Joseph  
Wilder Esq. & others & to show Cause if they please  
in the great & Generall Court why the County of  
Worcester should not be Divided into two Counties  
3<sup>dly</sup> To see if the Town will build a Work house & where  
it shall stand & see what method they will come  
into & Grant money for the same

By order of the Select men

Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster Nov<sup>r</sup> 28 1768

True Copy Levi Willard Clerk



At a Meeting Legally Warned & Held On Monday the  
Twelvet Day of December A 1763 at the Meeting  
House in the first precinct in Lancaster at Ten  
of the Clock in the forenoon -

first & chose Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq. Moderator of the Meeting

2<sup>dly</sup> Voted to Build a Work House

3<sup>dly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee to provide a  
Workhouse for the Reception of Idle persons  
for One Year from Next March

David Osgood Esq. Capt. Hoz. Gates & Nathl<sup>e</sup>  
Wymark be a Committee for that purpose

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee to give Reason  
why the County of Worcester should not be  
divided. & Chose Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Joseph  
Wilder Esq. & W. David Wilder for the same

Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Moderator

a True Copy  
J. Willard Clerk



Worcester To the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster

(D) Legally Qualified to Vote in Town Affairs - Greeting

In his Majesty's name you are Required to Meet at the Meeting House in the ~~first~~ first premises in Lancaster on Monday the fifth day of March next at Nine o'clock in the forenoon then & there Elect on the following Article, viz -

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate said Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To Chuse Town Officers for said Town the ensuing year it being your Annual Meeting for that purpose & to Accept, or Discontinue or Change High ways if need be

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will grant the Request of Levi Willard & others viz that the Grammar School for the ensuing year shall be kept in one place viz Neigh the Meeting House in the first premises in said Town upon Condition that we build a School House & support the School the ensuing year with our own money after so much money is paid out of the Town Treasury in supporting the same school as we the Subscribers pay towards the Support of Schools in said Town

4<sup>th</sup> To grant a Tax to support the School or Schools, & other necessary Charges arising in said Town the ensuing year

5<sup>th</sup> To grant a tax to be worked out on High ways & Bridges in the ensuing year, & how much shall be allowed & pay for man & team &c &c

By order of the Select men

Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1764

a true Copy

attest. Levi Willard & Clerk



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster, Legally Warned & Held on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Day of March A.D. 1764 in the first precinct in Lancaster at  
Nine o'clock in the forenoon —

1<sup>st</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq. Moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> Chose Maj. John Carter Col. Abijah Willard Corp. (a Lib  
Wildor W. Jon. Hairbank & Cor. Asa Whitcomb. Select  
men — (all sworn)

3<sup>d</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk  
4<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept the select mens Account of the prudentials  
of the Town for the year 1763

5<sup>th</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Peter Green Town Treasure

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Capt. Aaron Willard Amos Sawyer Joseph Garry  
& Jon. Prescott Constables for the year ensuing

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Ephraim Divoce }  
      Jon. White } Warden  
      Jon. Wildor }  
      Eph. Willard }

8<sup>th</sup> Chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> Daniel Rugg }  
      Zeph. Williams } Fighting Men  
      Saul Houghton }  
      Sam. Thurston }

9<sup>th</sup> Chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> Elisha Bennet }  
      Daniel Rugg } Surveyors  
      Reuben Spoonwill } of High Ways  
      George Parkhurst }  
      Paul Sawyer }  
      David Willard }  
      Benj. Houghton Jr. }  
      Jon. Osgood Jr. }  
      Jabez Hairbank }  
      Edward Robbin — }

10<sup>th</sup> Chose Joshua Fletcher }  
      Nath. Willard } Field Drivers  
      Ezra Houghton }  
      Josiah Wildor }  
      Robert Phelps }



11<sup>th</sup> Chose Mr. James Carter } fence Viewers  
John Verghant }

12<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs John Carter } Sealers of Leather  
Jon Fairbank }

13<sup>th</sup> Chose Mr. Plish a Bennet <sup>Surveyor</sup> } Hoops Staves &  
Mr. Abijah Wyman <sup>Sealer</sup> } Boards Shing. & Clobbion  
Mr. John Wilder <sup>Surveyor</sup> } Hoops Staves, boards Shingles &

14<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs John Overcott } Surveyors of Wheat  
& Andrew Wilder }

15<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs Sawyer & Phil Beman Deer Reeves —

16<sup>th</sup> Chose Messrs Gale, Jon Fairbank } Towns Robbin fire Ward

17<sup>th</sup> Voted to grant the Request of Mr. Wiland & others viz. that  
they shall have their own money that is granted for the  
school the ensuing year for the said Town they keeping  
the Grammar School for the Town & the Limits shall  
extend to the places following viz. to all the families  
on the Neck as far as Mr. John Remans & so to Mr. John  
Carter & Joshua Hethers & then to the old Common  
as far as Doc Wm Dunsmoon & then to all David & Cap?  
called Wilders, & all those persons within the above  
district that shall send their children to the above  
school shall pay no more to the Grammar School  
than their proportion of the money that shall be  
granted by the Town for schools & those that shall  
send children shall be their proportion to the  
money that shall be wanted for the said school

18<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise one hundred pounds for the Support  
of schools for the ensuing year, & to be kept in such  
places in the Town as the select men shall see proper

19<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise fifty pounds for the Support of the  
poor & other necessary charges that shall arise  
in said Town the ensuing year

20<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise one hundred pounds for the High Ways  
bridges &c to be allowed the same as last year

21<sup>st</sup> Chose Nathl Wyman Grand Jurymen  
Willm Richardson moderator  
at true copy  
at West Lewis Wiland Town Clerk



The persons hereafter Ment<sup>d</sup>. were sworn before us by at  
Willard Esq. viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup>. John & Peter Caleb Willard & John Whetstone  
& John Fairbank Levi Willard Peter Green Aaron Willard  
& Amos Sawyer

March 5<sup>th</sup> 1764 Here followeth an Acc<sup>t</sup>. of the president<sup>s</sup> of the Town  
of Lancaster for the year 1763, the Selectmen of said Lancaster  
have made a Highway Rate of One Hundred pounds & have Dilig<sup>nt</sup>  
sent thereof to the severall Surveyors of said Town, with a province  
Tax of three hundred & eighty three pounds Nine shillings &  
Nine pence three farthings & have Delivered L<sup>it</sup>s thereof to the severall  
Constables of said Town for said year & have sent Certificates  
thereof to the province Treasurers, they have also made a  
Town & County Rate of the sum of One Hundred & three  
pounds ten shillings, part thereof being for the County &  
Ninety pounds the remaining part thereof being for the Town  
& have Delivered L<sup>it</sup>s thereof to the Constables of said Town with  
Warrants to Collect & pay as follows viz. the Town part to be  
paid to Peter Green Town Treasurer by the twenty & day  
of February last & the County part to be paid to Garrison  
Chandler Esq. by the first day of March Instant

Here follow the Accounts of the Town of Lancaster with Peter  
Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster — L.

To the Ball<sup>l</sup>. Remained in his hands last year & appears by  
Account Adjusted in the Book — " £ 96 11 0

To Cash Rec<sup>d</sup>. of the severall Constables  
for the year 1763 — 90 —  
Car<sup>r</sup>d Over — £ 186 11 0



To the Amount Bro<sup>d</sup> over ———— \$ 186. 11. 6 1/2

Of Supra ———— C<sup>d</sup> by Sundry  
Orders drawn by the Select men on said Green

By an order in favour of Josiah Brown	3 <sup>n</sup> 3 <sup>n</sup> 10 <sup>n</sup> 1/2
By D <sup>o</sup> in favour of Daniel Rugg	1 <sup>n</sup> 3 <sup>n</sup> 10
By D <sup>o</sup> in favour of John Rugg	" 11 <sup>n</sup> 4
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Dr Stanton Mrentie	3 <sup>n</sup> 12 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Mollen	3 <sup>n</sup> 18 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Nathl Sawyer	9 <sup>n</sup> 10 <sup>n</sup> 6
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Amos Jewett	2 <sup>n</sup> 14 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Wm Tucker	9 <sup>n</sup> 6 <sup>n</sup> 8
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Joseph Whetcomb	4 <sup>n</sup> 6 <sup>n</sup> 11
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Fairbank	10 <sup>n</sup> 12 <sup>n</sup> 3
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Wilder	11 <sup>n</sup> 17 <sup>n</sup> 4
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Jeremiah Burpee	1 <sup>n</sup> 14 <sup>n</sup> 8
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of N <sup>h</sup> Sawyer	" 16 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Ezra Houghton	1 <sup>n</sup> 19 <sup>n</sup> 2
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of N <sup>h</sup> Burpee	" 12 <sup>n</sup> 7
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Solomon Jewett	" 3 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Boynton	" 10 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Mrs Cooper	4 <sup>n</sup> —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Caleb Wilder	3 <sup>n</sup> 6 <sup>n</sup> 4
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Joshua Fairbank	1 <sup>n</sup> 1 <sup>n</sup> 2
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Peter Green	" 18 <sup>n</sup> 8
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Nathl Wyman	1 <sup>n</sup> 2 <sup>n</sup> 9 3/4
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of David Goodfrie	" 14 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of James Goodfrie	" 10 <sup>n</sup> 8
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Stanton Mrentie	1 <sup>n</sup> 10 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Amasa Turner	3 <sup>n</sup> 12 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Andrew Wilder	" 8 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of N <sup>h</sup> Beman	3 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of David Willard	2 <sup>n</sup> 10 <sup>n</sup> 1
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Peter Joslin	2 —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Knight	5 <sup>n</sup> 2 <sup>n</sup> 8
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of N <sup>h</sup> Sawyer	9 <sup>n</sup> —
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John Carter	4 <sup>n</sup> 11 <sup>n</sup> 3
By D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Caleb Wilder	2 <sup>n</sup> 7 —
Conferred —	\$ 103 <sup>n</sup> 15 <sup>n</sup> 9



Bro. Howard

\$103. 15. 9 1/2

By an order in favour of Lisa Whitcomb	\$ 2. 11 3. 8
by Debit D <sup>o</sup> of Jon <sup>r</sup> Fairbank	1. 7. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Jon <sup>r</sup> Wilder	10. 4. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Mr Fairbank	" 9. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Jon <sup>r</sup> Fairbank	1. 4. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Oliver Moor	" 4. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Zach <sup>r</sup> Harvey	4. 13. 4
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Nath <sup>l</sup> Wright	10. 5. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Th <sup>o</sup> Dole	1. 11. 4
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Joseph Kilborne	4. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Zachens Boynton	1. 12. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Amor Rugg	16. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Amor Jewett	5. 1. 4
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Jerem <sup>s</sup> Burnee	1. 4. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of John White	7. —
by D <sup>o</sup> in D <sup>o</sup> of Caleb Wilder	" 9. —

error 9/8 in, say of Town should be \$134. 11. 22 \$135. 0. 10 1/2

Bal Due from said Green & the } Town of Lancaster	51. 10. 7 1/4
Sum total	\$186. 11. 16 1/4

Lancaster March 4<sup>th</sup> 1764

Abijah Willard	} Silver men separately
John Carter	
Alexa Whitcomb	
Jon <sup>r</sup> Fairbank	
Caleb Wilder	

A true copy

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worcester f.

These are in his Majesties Name to will &  
Require all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster that have an  
Estate of Freehold of Land within this Province  
or Lordship of Forty Shillings Pennum  
at Least or other Estate to the Value of Forty  
Pounds Sterling to meet & assemble at the  
Meeting house in the first Precinct in  
Lancaster, aforesaid on Monday the twenty  
Eighth of May Instant at Ten of the Clock in  
the forenoon & there to Elect & Depute one  
or more persons to Represent said Town  
in a great & general Court or assembly  
Appointed to be Convend held & kept for his  
Majesties Service at the Court house in Concord  
Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May Instant &  
Die in Diem During their Session or  
Sessions viz - - - - -  
1<sup>st</sup> to chuse moderator for said meeting  
2<sup>dy</sup> to see if town will allow Sim<sup>l</sup>. Rols the money  
he has paid for his Sons Rato, for the year 1763  
3<sup>dy</sup> to see if the town will Give Liberty for the  
Road that Lead Down into the Intervails to  
Be shut up & make a Bridle way from Leon  
Houghton, Intervail to Nath<sup>l</sup>. Wifons  
By order of the select men  
Lancaster - May 14 1764.



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally assembled agreeable  
to the Warrant before mentioned to Vote in town affair  
& to make choice of a Representative at the Meeting House  
in the first precinct in said Town on Monday the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of May A 1764 — viz —

First the Selectmen called for the Votes for a Representative  
& the Attending Freeholders, the Town made choice of  
Mr David Wilder to represent said Town in the  
great & General Court for the year 1764 —

2<sup>d</sup>ly Then Chose Dea Joshua Hairbank Moderator  
for said meeting

3<sup>d</sup>ly Voted to allow Timothy <sup>Prop</sup> nine shillings & two pence  
half penny in being for his son Kate who raised  
at present Town for the year 1763

Joshua Hairbank Moderator

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Lancaster June 6 1764

We the Subscribers Certify that we have  
Preambulated & Run the Bounds between  
the Town of Lancaster & Stos from Lunenburg  
Corner to the Round Hill near Lancaster River

Abijah Willard	} Committee of each Town
John Gates	
Jon <sup>d</sup> Wood	
Manasseh Divoll	
John Phillips	

Lancaster May 23 1764.

John Carter one of the Select men of Lancaster  
& Joshua Fletcher whom the Select men appointed  
& Met John Haywood whom the Select men of  
Lunenburg appointed to preambulate & Run the  
Bounds Between said Towns which we have done

John Carter  
John Haywood  
Joshua Fletcher

Lancaster November 5 1764

We the Subscribers both on the part & behalf  
of the Towns of Shrewsbury & Lancaster have  
day met & preambulated & Renewed the bounds  
between the Towns above said

Cyprian Keyes	} Select men of Shrewsbury	Jon <sup>d</sup> Fairbank	} Select men of Lancaster
Amariah Biglow		Asa Wheelcomb	
Job Cushing			



Worcester. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town  
Affair - Greeting

In his Majesty's Name you are Required to  
Meet at the Meeting House in the first precinct  
in Lancaster on Monday the Twelfth day of  
November Next at one of the Clock in the Afternoon  
Then & there to act on the following Article - viz  
First. To have a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2dly To Grant money to pay the Charges that has  
arisen & shall arise in said Town this year  
By order of the Select men  
Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster October 25<sup>th</sup> 1764

at a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Lancaster Legally Warned & Held on  
Monday the Twelfth day of November 1764 in the  
first precinct in Lancaster at one of the Clock in  
the after noon -

First Chose Col<sup>o</sup> John Carter Moderator for said Meeting  
Voted to raise the sum of twenty five pounds &  
to be assessed on the Inhabitants of Lancaster with  
the sum granted last month

John Carter Moderator

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worcester f.<sup>o</sup> To the Freeholders & other inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to  
Vote in Town affairs Greeting. In his Majesty's  
Name you are Required to meet at the meeting  
House in the first precincts in Lancaster on  
Monday the Eleventh day of March Next, at  
Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there  
To act on the following articles — viz<sup>t</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup>ly To Chuse Town officers for Said Town the ensuing ye<sup>r</sup>  
it being your Annual meeting for that purpose
- 3<sup>d</sup>ly To See if the Town will accept of a Road laid out that lead  
from Benja<sup>s</sup> Osgood to Leominster by James Carter  
as set forth in the Return —
- 4<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will sell a piece of Land at the  
Old meeting house place to Silley Moore —
- 5<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will purchase any Land taken  
off from persons by a Road laid out between  
Moses Baily & James Locks leading to Nathl<sup>l</sup>  
Wright, as appears by the Return —
- 6<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the  
Selectmen from John Baily to W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
& so to Capt. Eph<sup>m</sup> Wilders to the Road that leads  
from Oliver Wilders jun<sup>r</sup> to Oliver Wilders Esq<sup>r</sup>  
as appears by the Selectmen's Return —
- 7<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will accept of a Road by the wid<sup>d</sup> Bennitt  
land to Josiah Fairbanks —
- 8<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by  
Washacomb Pond beginning at the County Road & running  
Easterly between Sam<sup>l</sup> Bailey & John<sup>l</sup> Brooks —
- 9<sup>th</sup>ly To See if the Town will buy a Small Book to Record  
the Roads in of Said Town & to Transcribe all the  
that are in the old Book & to agree with some suitable person to do  
the same



1<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the Town will allow those that have kept  
the Gramer School in Said Town to their money as in  
the last year they paying the over plus as they did  
Last year -

2<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the Town will take of the District of Cranin  
Tullom he being Come -

3<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the Town will accept of a Road <sup>East</sup> of Joseph  
Garg, upon the North side of the County Road to  
Travell in -

4<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the Town will allow the widd Walker, Request  
To pay her Dactering -

5<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the Town will accept of the District for  
the school, as is sett off by the select men & to see  
what method they will come into for Building  
of School House in said District.

By order of the select men

6<sup>thly</sup> To Grant a tax to Support the School or Schools &  
other necessary Charges arising in said Town the ensuing  
year.

7<sup>thly</sup> To Grant a tax to be worked out on Highways & Bridges &  
the ensuing year & how much shall be allowed & day  
for man & oxen Cart &c &c

8<sup>thly</sup> To sciz the town will allow Ezra Houghton the money  
he paid toward the Support of the widd Brabrook, Child  
more than there was an Estate for -

By order of the select men

Lancaster Febry 20 1765



At a meeting of the Freeholders & other inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally Warned & Held on Monday the  
Eleventh Day of March A D 1765 in the first precinct  
in Lancaster at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon

first Chose W<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator for said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> Voted to Chuse three Officers & five Selectmen

& Chose Col<sup>o</sup> John Carter Col<sup>o</sup> Abijah Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Capt. Asa Wheelcomb W<sup>m</sup> Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank &  
Nay<sup>r</sup> Caleb Wilder Selectmen, & Mess<sup>rs</sup> Abel  
Willard Oliver Moor & Hozekiah Gate, Officers  
for said Town the ensuing Year

3<sup>d</sup> Chose W<sup>m</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk for the ensuing Year

4<sup>th</sup> Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer for said Town

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Elisha White Sam<sup>l</sup> Thurston Asa Wilder  
& Eph<sup>m</sup> Willard their Constables, for said town

6<sup>th</sup> Voted to accept. of Jeremiah Hasckel for one of their  
Constables in the Room of Elisha White

7<sup>th</sup> Chose Asahel Phelps Josiah Sawyer Eph<sup>m</sup>  
Sawyer & Tho<sup>s</sup> Sawyer for their Wardens

8<sup>th</sup> Chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> Moses Sawyer Jr.

Isaac Good

Eph<sup>m</sup> Wilder 3.

John Willard

John Phillips

Joseph Abbott

Peter Larkin

Job Snayford

Aaron Sawyer

Moses Sawyer

Ezekiel Kendall

Ezra Boughton

Highway Surveyors



9<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>.<sup>m</sup> Elijah Beman  
 Noah Dole  
 Tho. Willard  
 James Carter  
 W<sup>m</sup> Richardson } field Drivers

10<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Jacob Towle  
 Joseph<sup>m</sup> Roper } fence Viewers

11<sup>th</sup> Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. John Carter  
 & Jon<sup>a</sup> Fairbank } Sealer of Leather

12<sup>th</sup> Chose Elisha Bennet Surveyor of Staves

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Aaron Willard Jr. Deliver Boards shingles &c

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Aaron Sawyer  
 John Prescott  
 Micah Hartorn } Surveyor of Wheat

Chose Moses Sawyer Jun.  
 Phin<sup>o</sup> Beman } Deer Keep

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Hezek<sup>a</sup> Gates  
 Edward Robbins  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Fairbanks } fire Ward

Chose M<sup>rs</sup>. Phin<sup>o</sup> Phelps  
 Will<sup>m</sup> Dunsmoor } fish Reeves

Resolved to accept of a Road that Leads by Ben<sup>a</sup> Esgood's a.  
 appear by the Select men Return & air Stand Recorded  
 hereafter in the Book

Resolved to accept of a Road that is to Lead from Josiah Fairbanks  
 the Wid<sup>o</sup> Bennetts Land to the Road that Leads to Choseil  
 Meeting House, said Fairbanks paying for the Land  
 for said Road he putting the Town to no charge in  
 purchasing in said Road



Voted to Refor the purchasing of any Land that shall be taken off for Roads or mentioned in the foregoing Warrent shall be left for the select men to agree for the same, & make their Return at our next meeting which will be the Twentieth day of May next

Voted that the Town shall purchase a Book for to transcribe all the old Records of Roads into & that Levi Willard shall purchase the <sup>book</sup> & transcribe the same

Voted that the Districts for the schools as was set off by the select men last year should be the same this year & also if the men in the <sup>man</sup> severall Districts shall make any alterations for the better shall propose at their next meeting

Voted to Raise One Hundred Pounds & to be applied to the support of the schools in said Town the ensuing year

Voted to Raise Eighty pounds to be applied to the support of the Poor & all other Necessary charges that shall in said Town the ensuing year

Voted to Allow Francis Fullum his Sons pole Tax he being lame

Voted to allow Ezra Houghton fourteen Shillings & ten pence it being for money he paid towards the support of the W<sup>id</sup>. Brabrooks & did more then there was any estate for

Voted to Adjourn this meeting (to act on severall Articles in the foregoing Warrent) to Monday the Twentieth day of May Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon on said Day

Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Moderator

March 12. 1768

Wm (copy)

2<sup>d</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk



the following persons are Sworn to the Respective of us,  
they chosen for the year 1765  
Linn Willard Clerk  
Abel Willard of the peace  
Jeremiah Hosket Constable

March ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1765 here followeth an acct. of the  
Prudentials of the town of Lancaster for the year 1764  
The Select men of Said Lancaster viz<sup>t</sup> have made a  
Highway Rate of one hundred pound & have Delivered  
Lift thereof to the Severall Surveyors of Said town with  
a province Tax of three hundred & eighty one pound  
fourteen Shilling, & nine pence two farthings, & have  
Delivered a Lift thereof the Severall Constables of Said  
Town for Said year and have sent Certificat thereof  
to the province Treasurer they have also made a  
Town & County Rate of the Sum of one hundred and  
Ninty three pound two Shillings and seven pence



Part thereof being for the County and one hundred  
and Seventy five pounds, the Remaining part thereof  
Being for the town and have Delivered Left thereof  
To the Constables of Said town, with Warrant, to  
Collect and pay as follows viz: the towns part to be  
Paid to Peter Green town Treasurer by the twentieth  
Day of February Left and the County part to be  
Paid to John Chandler Esq: by the first Day of  
March Instant - - - - -

Here followeth the account of the town of  
Lancaster with Peter Green town Treasurer to the  
Town of Lancaster Dr - - - - -

To the Bal<sup>e</sup> Remained in his hand Left year as  
Appears by acc<sup>t</sup> adjusted in the Book is £51. 10. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

To Cash Rec<sup>d</sup> of the Severall Constables

For the year 1764 - - - - - £175. 0. 0  
226. 10. 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

Supra £<sup>7</sup> by Sundry orders }  
Drawn by the Select men on Said Green }

. An order in favor of Amos Sawyer } £1. 12. 6  
for Warning People out of town - - }

. An order in favor of Paul Sawyer } £ - 16 -  
for getting wood for Jon<sup>s</sup> Rugg & timber }  
for the bridge - - - - - }

. An order <sup>in</sup> favor of Col<sup>o</sup> John Carter }  
for taking the Invoice & making Rates } £3. 6. 1  
and for Support of the poor of the town }



An order in favor of Mayr Wilder for Taking  
the notice and making Rate, and Supporting  
the poor - } £ 16..11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

An order in favor of Saml<sup>d</sup> Wilder for } £ 7..9<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Keeping School - - -

An order in favor of Josiah Fairbank } £ 2..2 -  
For Plank for the Bridge -

An order in favor of Benj<sup>d</sup> Good for } 8 -  
Keeping Heigail ~~Woodbury~~ -

An order in favor of Josiah Brown } £ 3..13 -  
for Keeping School - - -

An order in favor of Thos Gates for } £ 3 -  
Bonding the School matter - - -

An order in favor of Levi Willard for } £ 1..13..6  
Support of the <sup>Poor</sup> & Min for the Bridge -

An order in favor of Eben<sup>d</sup> Allen for } £ 4..2 -  
For mending the Lagg Chaine - - -

An order in favor of Peter Foster for } £ 2..16..10  
Keeping Hannah Harris - - -

An order in favor of Doct Prentice for } £ 3..10 - 1  
Medsons & house Rent & Necessaries for Jon<sup>d</sup> Rugg -

An order in favor of W<sup>d</sup> Ensign Mann for } £ 12 -  
Keeping School in the first Precinct -

An order in favor of James Sawyer for } £ 10..6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Abial Stoner Rate -

An order in favor of Paul Sawyer for } £ 6 -  
For timber for the Bridge -

An order in favor of Joshua Fletcher } £ 10 -  
For Plank for the Bridge -

An order in favor of John Phelps } £ 12..7<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
Allowe for John Powers Rates -



- An order in favor of Hooker of good } £ - 14 - 4  
 For Keeping Abigail Woodbury
- An order in favor of Hooker of good ju. } £ - 10 -  
 For Keeping Abigail Woodbury
- An order in favor of Manasseh Divall for } £ 2 - 0 - 1  
 Rates he paid for Crofield & Prouty & allors
- An order in favor of Edward Houghton for } £ 1 - 16 -  
 Keeping the wid. Kilborne
- An order in favor of Levi Willard for } £ - 8 - 11  
 Things Delivered to the Poor
- An order in favor of Doct. Dunsmoor for } £ 1 - 9 -  
 Doctoring the wid. Woodbury & Abigail
- An order in favor of John Prescott for } £ 13 - 4  
 Timber for the Bridge
- An order in favor of Doct. Dunsmoor for } £ - 13 -  
 Plank & String peaces for the Bridge
- An order in favor of John of good for } £ - 17 -  
 Serving warrants & travel to warn people  
 out of town
- An order in favor of Cap. Gates for } £ 11 -  
 Timber for the Bridge & wood for the wid. Kilborn
- An order in favor of Tho. Sawyer for } £ - 8 -  
 Two String peaces for the Bridge
- An order in favor of Capt. Gates being } £ 9 -  
 For Plank for the Bridge
- An order in favor of Heijah Willard for } £ 4 - 2 - 10  
 Timber for the Bridge & making Rates  
 and Support of the Poor & money paid at Worcester
- An order in favor of Tho. Kendall for } £ 4 - 15 - 2  
 Keeping Abigail Woodbury one year



An order in favor of Eph<sup>m</sup> Sawyer }  
For Schooling he paid for — } Feb 19 -  
Feb 3 - 3

In Peter Green's hands  
Jona Fairbank  
John Carter  
Ara Whitcomb  
Feb 7 - 0 3/4

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk  
Lancaster March 11 1765

Lancaster Janu. 23 1765 then laid out a Road from  
the Road that goes by Eph<sup>m</sup> Sawyer to the Lane of  
Jona Fairbanks said Road begins at the South West  
Corner of the W<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth Bennetts Land that the  
Road runs on & runs Northwesterly thirty eight Rows & then  
Northwesterly thirty Rows to the above said Fairbanks  
Land said Road is laid one Row & half W<sup>d</sup> on  
is laid on the above said W<sup>d</sup> Bennetts Land bounds  
westerly all the way on Lane of Eph<sup>m</sup> Sawyer -  
Accepted March 11 1765  
Ara Whitcomb }  
Jona Fairbank } Just  
Eph<sup>m</sup> Willard } men  
of  
Lancaster

A true Copy to Levi Willard Clerk



Lancaster Decem<sup>r</sup> the 23<sup>d</sup> 1763 — then laid out a Road  
 by the subscribers as follows, that leads from  
 Gen<sup>l</sup> Osmonds to the Road that leads to Leominster  
 by James Carters, beginning at a White Oak tree  
 which is a Corner of James Carters Land then  
 running North through Isaac Houghtons Land  
 & James Carters Land 55 Rods to White Oak  
 Stump by the said Road that leads to Lancaster  
 it will appear by marked trees upon the East  
 side of the Road this Road is laid out three Rods  
 wider than a common one is given on this Road —  
 Assented March 11. 1768

Abijah Willard } Committee  
 John Carter } & Selectmen  
 Daniel Ruggs } of Lancaster

A True Copy of Levi Willard Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of  
 the Town of Lancaster Held by Adjournment from  
 March 11 1768 to the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1768 —

first Voted to Assent a Road by Washacomb Pond and  
 returned by the select men

A True Copy of Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster February 4. 1768 then laid out a Road  
 beginning at the mouth of the Brook running out  
 of Washacomb Pond & running between Sam<sup>l</sup> Baily  
 & Jonathan Brooks forty Rods southerly. — said  
 Road is two Rods wide marked on the southerly side

afa Whitecomb } Select  
 Ben<sup>l</sup> Fairbank } men of  
 Lancaster

A True Copy

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worshipp<sup>t</sup> There are in his Majesties Name to will  
I require all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants  
(of the Town of Lancaster that have an Estate of  
Freehold of Land within the Province or Jurisdiction  
of forty shillings Pannum at least or other  
estate to the Value of forty Pounds Sterling  
to meet & assemble at the meeting House  
in the first Precinct in Lancaster aforesaid  
On Monday the Twentieth day of May Instant  
at ten of the Clock in the forenoon & there  
to elect or Depute one or more persons to  
Represent said Town in a Great & Generall Court  
or Assembly appointed to be convened held & kept  
for his Majesties Service at the Court House in  
Boston on Wednesday the Twenty Ninth day of May  
Instant & to Depute in Deem During those Sessions  
or Sessions

- 2<sup>dly</sup> To Chuse a Moderator for said Meeting  
3<sup>dly</sup> To See if the Town will Vote to Raise to Build a  
Bridge by W<sup>m</sup> Abel Willard & Chuse a Committee  
to agree with some persons or persons to do the  
same & also to Raise more money than was granted  
last March to be Worked on Long High Way & Bridges  
4<sup>thly</sup> To See if the Town will give Dea<sup>r</sup> Josiah White  
leave to fence up the Road that lead from  
Coll<sup>d</sup> Willards Enlowell & Willson: & to see if he  
putting up Good Gates & Keeping them in Good  
Repair  
5<sup>thly</sup> To See if the Town will sell a piece of Land & sell  
at the said Meeting House place & where such  
Lancaster May 3. 1768 By Order of the Select men  
J<sup>es</sup> Willard & Clark  
a True Copy  
attest Levi Willard & Clark



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster Qualitied & Voted in Town Affairs & in the Choice of a Representative being Legally Assembled agreeable to the within Warrent, at the Meeting House in the first Precinct in said Town on Monday the Twentieth day of May A Domini 1765 - The Votes being Read & then the select men call'd for the Votes for a Representative, the being Bro. in the Town made Choice of W David Wilder to Represent said Town in the Great & General Court the ensuing Year

1<sup>st</sup> Voted & Chose Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator for said Meeting

2<sup>dly</sup> Voted to Raise Thirty Pounds to Build a bridge by W. Abel Willard

Chose Mess<sup>rs</sup> Josiah White Abijah Willard & Nath<sup>l</sup> Wyman as a Committee to build said Bridge

3<sup>dly</sup> Voted to Raise Nineteen pounds to be Work'd out on the High Ways & Bridges in said Town in Addition to what was Voted last Mon.

Will<sup>m</sup> Richardson Moderator

a True Copy

W<sup>m</sup> Willard Town Clerk.



Norchester f<sup>s</sup>

To the free holders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Qualified to vote in town  
affairs Greeting in his majesties Name you  
are Required to meet at the meeting house  
In the first Precinct in Said town on Monday  
the third day of march next at Nine of the  
Clock in the morning to act on the following  
Articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> to Chuse a moderator for Said meeting
- 2<sup>dly</sup> to Chuse Town officers it being your annual  
meeting for that purpose and also to Chuse a  
Register for the County
- 3<sup>dly</sup> to Grant a tax for the Support of the School  
and for other Necessary Charges arising in the Present year
- 4<sup>dly</sup> to Grant a tax to be work'd out in the highways  
and private ways & Bridges this present year  
and to Say at what time of the year it shall  
be done & how much a day men & oxen & Cart
- 5<sup>dly</sup> to See if the town will Consider the Request  
of the Second Precinct in Lancaster and  
vote them of as a Seperate town
- 6<sup>dly</sup> to Se if the town will allow Jon<sup>o</sup> Prescott  
Constable for the year 1764 Benj<sup>o</sup> Linkfield, Rates
- 7<sup>dly</sup> to Se if the town will allow the Request of Levi moon  
others
- 8<sup>dly</sup> to Se if the town will Give Zebulon Rice the  
Land where the old Road was by his house for  
the Road Laid East of his house



9. by to Se if the town will accept of a Road Laid out from Joslin, old field to Leominster Line which Lead to ~~John~~ Nathan Johnsons Near where the Road is now Traveled as it will appear by the Committee that has Laid out Said Road

10 by to Se if the town will <sup>accept</sup> of a Road that is Laid out which Lead to Joseph Bernan in Leominster Till it comes to the old Road that was formerly Laid out to Leominster and Discontinue the Old Road this Road is Laid out where it is now Traveled - - - - -

11 by to Se if the town will accept of a Road that is Laid out North of the widow Matherls House and Discontinue the old Road that goes through her field South of the house all the above Roads are Laid three Rods wide as will appear by the Return of the Committee that has Laid out Said Road

12 by to if the town will Sell the old School house that are not used in the town & Chuse a Committee for the Same - - - - -

By order of the Selectmen  
Lancaster Feb. 27 14 1766



At a meeting of the freeholders & others inhabitants  
of the town of Lancaster Legally warned & hold on  
Monday the third day of march A 1766 in the first  
Precinct in Lancaster at nine of the Clock in the forenoon  
First Chose William Richardson Esq. moderator for  
Said meeting)

2<sup>d</sup> Chose Col. John Carter Caleb Wilder Nathl<sup>l</sup>  
Wyman Tho. Sawyer & Aaron Sawyer Select  
men & assessors for the year ensuing

3<sup>d</sup> Chose Levi Willard Town Clerk for the year ensuing  
4<sup>th</sup> Chose Peter Green Town Treasurer

5<sup>th</sup> Chose Tho. Bennitt Constable & the Town Except  
Jeremiah Haskell in his Room

Chose Paul Sawyer Constable & the Town Except  
Amos Sawyer in his Room

Chose Israel Moor Constable & the Town  
accepted Asa Wilder in his Room

Chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Wilder the third Constable for  
the year ensuing

6<sup>th</sup> Chose Tho. Fairbank }  
Levi Moor } Wardens for the year ensuing  
Phin. Sawyer }  
Reuben Hugg }

8 Chose Col. Joseph Wilder Surveyor for those that have Interest in y<sup>e</sup> mill  
Chose Benj<sup>a</sup> Houghton & Eph<sup>m</sup> Carter } Surveyors  
Joseph Abbot & Joseph North } of High ways  
Jon<sup>l</sup> Whitney & William Tooker } for the  
Ethan Phillips & David of good Esq. } ensuing year  
Joseph Fairbank & John Brooks  
Tho. May & Josiah Winn



9<sup>th</sup>ly Chose Joseph Wheelock } field Drivers for the year  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Joslin } field Drivers for the year  
 Doct. Will<sup>m</sup> Dunsmoor } & Sworn before W<sup>m</sup> Richardson  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Wilder  
 Daniel Robins

10<sup>th</sup>ly Chose Hezekiah Gates } fence Viewers  
 Josiah Sawyer

11<sup>th</sup> Chose Col<sup>o</sup> John Carter } Sealers of Leather  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Wilder

12<sup>th</sup> Chose Aaron Willard Jr. } Surveyors of Board an  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Wilder } (Lapboard, & Shingles

Chose Gardner Wilder } Surveyors of Wheat for the year  
 John Prescott } Insuring & Sworn to their office  
 Aaron Sawyer

Chose Asa Wheelcombe } Dear Reapers  
 Moses Sawyer Jr.

Chose Hezekiah Gates } Fire Ward,  
 Jon<sup>a</sup> Fairbank  
 John Phelps

Chose Doct. W<sup>m</sup> Dunsmoor } fish Reeves sworn  
 Doct. Phin<sup>o</sup> Phelps

Chose Christopher of Good } Tything men for the year  
 Tilley Moore } Insuring Sworn to their office  
 Tilley Richardson  
 Amos Rugg

Note  
 to Raise one hundred pounds to be applied for  
 Schooling the Insuing year — — —  
 and Sixty pounds for to defray the Charges of  
 the town this present year — — —



Voted to Raise a tax of one hundred pounds to be worked  
out on the Highway and Bridges and Private  
ways as it was the Last year ~ ~ ~  
acted on the Petition of the Second Precinct in  
Lancaster and Voted and Pass in the affirmative  
and Sold them of as a town ~ ~ ~

Voted to allow Jos<sup>ph</sup>. Prescott Constable for the year  
1764 Benj<sup>a</sup>. Linkfield Rates ~ ~ ~

Nothing acted on Levi Moor Petition ~ ~  
the Petition of Zebulon Rice Pass in the Negative  
Voted and accepted the Road Laid that Lead to Nathan  
Johnson to Leominster Line and the Return  
to be Recorded ~ ~ ~

Voted and accepted the Road that Lead to Joseph  
Bennett according to the Committee Return and  
Voted to Discontinue the old Road that was Laid  
out formerly to Leominster as will appear  
By the Return ~ ~ ~

Voted and accepted a Road Laid out North of the  
Wid<sup>ow</sup> Atherton, & Discontinued the Road that  
goes South of her house as it does appear  
By the Return of the Committee ~ ~ ~

Voted Nothing acted to Sell the School house, but  
this meeting is adjourned to wednesday  
the Twentyfirst Day of May Next at ten  
of the Clock in the forenoon ~ ~ ~

William Richard for moderator

Lancaster march 3<sup>d</sup> 1766  
a true copy H Levi Willard Clerk



Lancaster February 28: 1766

Here followeth an account of the Prudential, of the  
Town of Lancaster for the year 1765 viz - - - 6  
Mr. Peter Green Town Treasurer to the Town of Lancaster  
To the Balance remaining in his hand as appeared  
by the accounts adjusted in the Town Book, last year. } £161..7..0  
To Cash Received of the Several Constables of the  
Town of Lancaster for the year 1765 } £210..0..0  
371..7..0

Supra £ By sundry orders drawn by the  
Selectmen of Lancaster on said Green viz.

By an order in favour of Mr. Josiah Brown } 21..2..8  
for Keeping School Six months - - - }

Do in fav. of Josiah Ballard for Schooling 1..12..0

Do in fav. of Mr. Josiah Brown for do 21..2..8

Do in fav. of Fredrick Albert for do 2..0..0

Do in fav. of Ezra Houghton for Cash paid } 1..2..8  
Mr. Hutchinson for Keeping School - - - }

Do in fav. of Jon<sup>s</sup>. Whitney for for mending } 0..12..0  
the School House - - - }

Do in fav. of Daniel Rugg for Schooling - - - 1..18..8

Do in fav. of John Nichol, for Rates - - - 0..9..8

Do in fav. of Asa Whelcomb for making Rates } 2..1..3  
& taking the Invoice & recording Warrants }

Do in fav. of Amos Sawyer for Sundry } 2..4..8  
New Rate allowd him - - - }

Do in fav. of Jon<sup>s</sup>. Prescott for Schooling 1..1..4

Do in fav. of Josiah Ballard for Boarding School Master 0..12..0

Do in fav. of Peter Green for Keeping School 3..8..0

Do in fav. of Peter Fairbank for plank for Bridge 2..15..6

Do in fav. of John May for Schooling (car forward) £ 62..9..4



Brought forward

£62 9 4 2

By an order in fav <sup>r</sup> Levi Moor for Schooling	2 17 11 2
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> Hanah Woods for Timber for J <sup>r</sup> Bridge	0 7 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for Schooling	2 0 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Daniel Robbins for D <sup>r</sup>	2 16 5 2 1/4
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Josiah Brown for D <sup>r</sup>	1 7 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Tim <sup>r</sup> Nels for his Son Kate,	0 13 0 2 1/4
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of David of Good for boarding Schoolmaster	0 16 0 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Zaccheus Boyington for Keeping the } Wid <sup>r</sup> Brabrooks Child	3 1 4 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joseph Kilborn for Keeping the } Wid <sup>r</sup> Kilborns Child	4 9 2 1/4
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Eph <sup>r</sup> Sawyer for Plank	0 5 10 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of James Houghton for Keeping y <sup>r</sup> Wid <sup>r</sup> Kilborn } Child	2 13 4 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Theres <sup>r</sup> Hunt for boarding Schoolmaster	0 18 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Ruben Rugg for D <sup>r</sup>	0 12 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jer <sup>r</sup> Burpee for Schooling	3 11 6 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Fairbank for making Kates & Schooling	3 9 2 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Asa Whetcomb for Cash paid y <sup>r</sup> Schoolmaster	3 0 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Nath <sup>l</sup> Wright for D <sup>r</sup>	4 3 8 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Os good for being over Rated	0 5 7 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Josiah Houghton for his two Stones	0 2 8 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Prescott for Serving the Warrant	0 10 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for Grain let Jon <sup>a</sup> Rugg	0 13 8 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joel Houghton for boarding y <sup>r</sup> Schoolmaster	1 4 8 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Ezra Houghton for D <sup>r</sup>	3 15 8 2 1/4
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Zaccheus Boynton for Keeping the } Wid <sup>r</sup> Brabrooks Child	0 14 10 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joseph Gary for Francis Hullom, Kate } and warning people out of Town	1 4 0 1 1/4
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Sam <sup>l</sup> Snow for boarding Schoolmaster	0 9 0 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jacob Brook for paying y <sup>r</sup> Schoolmaster	0 7 4 0
D <sup>r</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Amos Jewitt for Keeping a poor Child	0 10 3 1 1/4
Car <sup>d</sup> over	109 8 5 3



Brought over — — £109 " 8 " 3  
 Ballantrude 201 " 18 " 7 " 0  
 Peter Green Town Treasr } Select £371 " 7 " 0 " 3  
 Abijah Willard } men of  
 Jon<sup>d</sup> Fairbank } Lancaster.  
 Asa Whetcombe }  
 a True Copy P Levi Willard Clerk

We the Subscribers assessors of the Town of Lancaster for the ye  
 1765 have assessed the Inhabitents of the Town of Lancaster in  
 Sum of £119 ——— agreeable to the several votes of said Town  
 to be worked out on<sup>th</sup> highways & Bridges & delivered Lists thereof  
 to the several Surveyors of the highways &c ———  
 We have also assessed the Inhabitents of the Same Town  
 in the Sum of £388 " 9 " 2 to the Province & have deliver  
 List thereof to the several Constables of said Town & sent  
 Certificate thereof to the Province Treasurer ———  
 We have also assessed the Inhabitents of said Town in  
 the Sum of £230 " 3 " 6 to the Town & County & delivered Lis  
 thereof to the several Constables of the Town of Lancaster  
 with our Warrant, empowering them to collect the same  
 and directing them to pay in £210 parts thereof to  
 M<sup>r</sup> Peter Green Town Treasurer & £20 " 3 " 6 the remain  
 thereof to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Chandler Esq<sup>r</sup> County Treasurer

Abel Willard  
 Oliver Moor  
 Hezekiah Gates

a True Copy P Levi Willard Clerk



Lancaster Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1766

Then Laid out a Private way from the Northeast Corner of the Land lately in the Possession of Amos Matheron Deced<sup>d</sup> in the Room of one Laid threew<sup>th</sup> Laid Matheron Land it being now Laid threew<sup>th</sup> Land of Col<sup>o</sup> Joseph Wildier About 160 Rods and threew<sup>th</sup> Land of Joseph of Good about 70 Rods and is three Rods wide & began at a white oak near the Northeast Corner of said Matheron Land runs Westerly to a Black oak thence to a Black oak thence Northwesterly ~~to a~~ white oak thence to a white oak thence to a Black oak standing by the path that Lead to Shirley mill, thence Southwesterly with said Path to a white oak standing between Col<sup>o</sup> Wildier and Joseph of Good Land thence on or near said ~~old~~ path till it comes to whence it was formerly Laid out the Trees marked for said Roadway on the Southerly side

Abijah Willard Selectman  
of Lancaster

John Phillips Surveyor  
Manasseh Dwall

Lancaster Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 1766

Whereas the private way that Lead to Leominster being formerly Laid out from the Northerly Corner of Joslin's old field to white pond between the meadow and it is now thought not so Practicable as where it is now trod there is therefore now a private way Laid out in the Room of it on or near where the path is now trod it being at a pitch ~~line~~ and runs Southerly to a white oak thence to a white oak standing by where the path that Lead from Johnson comes into said way thence Southeasterly to a Black oak thence to a white oak near the said old field said way is 136 Rods threew<sup>th</sup> Land of Ensign Peter Joslin, and three Rods threew<sup>th</sup> Land of Aaron of Good and 12 Rods threew<sup>th</sup> Land of Dea<sup>r</sup> Josiah White Land said way ~~is~~ ~~are~~ marked is three Rods wide the tree are marked for said way are marked on the westerly side

Abijah Willard Selectman  
John Phillips Surveyor  
Manasseh Dwall



Lancaster Feb'y 13 1766  
Then Laid out a private way from Leominster Line  
~~where~~ where the Johnsons Live the being a way to meet  
to the private way that Lead from Leominster to Lancaster  
by the pond it began at a Black oak near said Line and R.  
Southeasterly to a white oak thence to a white oak where  
the path meet said way is three Rod wide and said three  
the Land of Nathaniel Bowers or James Gordon the  
Trees that are marked for said way are marked on  
the Northerly side said way is one hundred and twen  
four Rod Long

Abijah Willard Select man

John Phillip Surveyor  
Manasseh Divoll  
Voted to put these  
Return, upon Record March 3 1766

the three foregoing Roads or enter'd were  
accepted March 3 1766 & Recorded March 4 17  
by Levi Willard & Clerk



Worcester<sup>sh</sup>

These are in his Majesties Name to will  
& require all the Freeholders & other  
Inhabitants of Town of Lancaster that have an  
Estate of Freeholds of Land within this province  
or Territory of Forty Shillings Annuum  
at least or other Estate to the Value of Forty  
Pounds Sterling to Meet & assemble at the  
Meeting House in the first Precinct in  
Lancaster afore said on Wednesday the  
Twenty first day of May Instant at one  
Clock in the afternoon then & there to  
elect & Depute one or more persons to  
Represent said Town in a Great & General  
Court or assembly appointed to be Convened  
Held & kept for his Majesties Service at  
the Court House in Boston on Wednesday  
the twenty Eighth day of May Instant &  
to be die in Diem during their Session  
or Sessions by order of the Select men

Lancaster May 5<sup>th</sup> 1766



Worcester J.

To the freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in town  
affairs Greeting

In his Majesties Name you are Required to  
meet at the meeting House at the first prei.  
in Lancaster on Wednesday the sixteenth da  
of July Next at four o'clock in the afternoon  
then & there to act on the following articles viz.

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to Regulate Said meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To make Choice of sum meet perfor to Serve  
in the office of a Register of Deeds & Conveyan  
in and for S<sup>d</sup> County of Worcester

June 30: 1766



Worcester. f.

To the freeholders & other inhabitants of  
the Town of Lancaster ~~of the County~~  
you are Requ  
Qualified to Vote in Town affairs  
Greeting

In His Majesties Name you are Required  
to meet at the meeting house in the  
first precinct in Lancaster on Monday  
the Eleventh day of Aug<sup>r</sup>. Next at four  
O'clock in the after Noon then & there  
to act on the following articles viz.  
ly to Chuse a moderator to Regulate the meeting  
ly to give the Representative some instruction  
Concerning the Requisition Sent from home  
to make up the loss Sustained in Boston  
By order of the Selectmen

July 18 1766



At a Meeting of the Freeholders & the other Inhabitants  
of the Town Lancaster Legally warned & held on  
Monday the eleventh Day of <sup>August</sup> June 1766 -  
in the first precinct in Lancaster at one of the Clock  
in the afternoon

first Chose David Osgood Esq. Moderator for said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> by Note Unanimously that Requisition should be  
made to all those Persons that suffered by the Mob  
or mobs in the Town of Boston in August last  
by the Reason of the Stamp Act  
David Osgood Moderator

June 11 1766 True Copy attested Levi Willard Clerk



Worshippers To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
the Town of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Vote in Town  
affairs (Greeting)

On this Majesties Name you are hereby required to meet  
at the meeting house in the first precinct in Lancaster  
on Monday the second day of March next at Nine of the  
Clock in the forenoon there to act on the following Article,

1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator to regulate said meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To Choose Town Officers said Town the ensuing year it  
being your Annual Meeting for that purpose

3<sup>d</sup> To grant a Tax for the Support of a school or Schools & how to  
be disposed of & to say where the Grammar school shall be kept

4<sup>th</sup> To grant a Tax for the Newbury Charges that shall arise in  
said Town the ensuing year

5<sup>th</sup> To grant a Tax to be levied out on High Ways & Bridges and  
private ways the ensuing year & to say what to pay for man & cart

6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Col. Caleb Wilder pay for Eleven Acres  
of Land fenced off for the High way by the Neck to Bridge

7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a Road laid out by the Select Men  
from Shd. Liperwill to the Town line at Shirley

8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will Vote to free Nathl. Wright from the charge  
of supporting John Manning he having inadvertently taken him  
in to his family without giving notice to the Select Men

9<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a Road from South meadow to  
near Mr. Sawyers

10<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will give liberty for those who build the School  
House by Amos Sawyers to sell the same & to divide the money  
according to what cash has been spent in Building said House

11<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will accept of a Road from Phillips to John White's Bridge

12<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will grant the petition of Henry Haskel  
& others in the North Part of the Town to be set off as a Parish

13<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will allow Jeremiah Haskel for several  
years rates which are gone out of the Town

By Order of the Select Men

Lancaster Feby 10. 1767

Levi Willard Town Clerk

attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



At a meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants  
 of the Town of Lancaster Legally warned. Held on Monday  
 the second day of March 1767 in the first precinct  
 in Lancaster at Nine o'clock in the forenoon  
 Present Chas. William Richardson Esq. Moderator for said Meeting  
 1<sup>st</sup> Chas. M<sup>r</sup>. Caleb Wilder David Wilder Nath. Wyman  
 Thos. Sawyer & Aaron Sawyer Select Men & a<sup>re</sup> for  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Chas. Levi Wilbur Town Clerk  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Chas. Peter Green Town Treasurer  
 4<sup>th</sup> Chas. Hooker of good Conscience & Nath. Goslin & a<sup>re</sup>  
 and Amos Sawyer was accepted to serve for said Goslin  
 & then Chas. Ezra Sawyer & Nath. Houghton  
 for the second precinct & then accepted of Ezra  
 Houghton to serve in the Room of Ezra Sawyer &  
 Nath. Houghton  
 6<sup>th</sup> Chas. <sup>jun</sup> Elsha White Ephraim Carter Nathaniel  
 Chas. Wright and Oliver Moor Wardens for said Town  
 7<sup>th</sup> Joseph Wilder  
 John Sergeant  
 Henry Haskell Jun.  
 Bazellettow  
 Levi Nichol  
 Nathan Hugg  
 Moser Sawyer Jun.  
 Jon. Barber Jun.  
 Roger Robbin  
 Saul Houghton  
 End Gaby Jun.  
 Jon. Wilder Jun.  
 & Jonathan Moor

Surveyors of  
 High Ways -



Jose Phineas Sawyer }  
 Christopher Osgood } Field Drivers  
 Solomon Houghton }  
 & John May Jr.

Hon. Mr. Manasseh Divoll }  
 Joshua Fairbank } Fence Viewers  
 Jos. Fairbank }  
 & Jos. Wilder -

Jose. Mr. Jeremiah Haskell }  
 Jos. Fairbanks } Sealer of Leather  
 & Jos. Fairbanks }

Jose. Mr. Asa Whetcomb }  
 Moser Sawyer Junr. } Deer Reeves

Jose. Mr. William Dummer }  
 & William Phelps - } Fish Reeves

Jose. Mr. Jon. A. Kendall Junr. }  
 James Carter } Tything Men  
 Ephraim Willard }  
 & Tho. Willard -

Hon. Mr. Aaron Willard Junr. }  
 & Jos. Wilder - - } Sealer of Board Shingle &c

Voted. and granted One Hundred pounds be assessed on the  
 Inhabitants of Lancaster to be laid out in Schooling in  
 the Town of Lancaster the ensuing Year the Grammar  
 school to be kept 7 months in the first precinct the  
 other five months in the second precinct the  
 remainder of the said sum to be laid out in the other  
 parts of the Town that shall not be visited by the  
 Grammar school as heretofore

Voted & Granted that twenty pounds be assessed on the Inhabitants of  
 said Lancaster to defray the necessary Charges arising within  
 the same Town the Year ensuing



Voted to pay Col<sup>d</sup> Caleb Wilder Ten shilling, & eight pence in full satisfaction for the Land he left out of his Land near the Neck bridge (so called) for a High Way

The Petition of Henry Haskel & others as mentioned in the 12<sup>th</sup> article Voted to be dismissed

Voted to allow Jeremias Haskel three pound three shilling & three pence three farthings for the Rates of Joseph Prior Benj<sup>a</sup> Priest Silly White Stephen Gator & Lemuel Pope being in his list in the year 1765.

Voted to adjourn this meeting with the 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> article, mentioned in the foregoing Warrant that has not been acted upon till the Twentieth day of May next at the Meeting House in the first Precinct at One o'clock in the Afternoon

William Richardson Moderator

of true Copy) Levi Willard Town Clerk

The Names of the following <sup>Persons</sup> were sworn by their Respective Oaths  
Abijah Willard Esq<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Caleb Wild David Wilder  
Nath<sup>l</sup>. Wyman Th<sup>o</sup>. Sawyer Aaron Sawyer Peter Green  
Ezra Houghton Eliza White Eph<sup>r</sup>. Carter Nath<sup>l</sup>.  
Wright Oliver Moor John Sergeant Henry Haskel Jr.  
Baziel How Levi Nichols Nathan Rugg M<sup>r</sup>. Sawyer  
Jun<sup>r</sup>. Jon<sup>a</sup>. Wilder Jun<sup>r</sup>. & Jon<sup>a</sup>. Wilder Jon<sup>a</sup>. Moor Jonathan  
Fairbank Jeremias Haskell Cyrus Fairbanks  
Jon<sup>a</sup>. Kendall Jr. James Carter & Ephraim Willard



Lancaster February 25. 1767 here follows the account of the  
 presidentials of the Town of Lancaster for the Year 1766 the  
 Select men of said Lancaster have made right way Rates of One  
 Hundred pounds & have Delivered Lists thereof to the severall  
 Surveyors of said Town they have also assessed the Inhabitants  
 of said Town with a provineed Tax of three Hundred & fifteen  
 pounds Ten shillings & Ten pence & delivered lists thereof  
 to the severall Constables of said Town for said Year & have  
 sent a Certificate thereof to the provineed Treasurers, they  
 have also made a Town & County Rate of the sum of  
 One Hundred & Seventy six pounds fifteen shillings &  
 seven ~~eight~~ pence one farthing, sixteen pounds fifteen  
 shillings & eight pence part thereof for the County and  
 One Hundred & fifty Nine pounds Nineteen shillings and  
 Eleven pence One farthing, the remaining part thereof  
 being for the Town & have Delivered lists thereof to the  
 Constables of said Town with warrants to collect & pay as  
 follow viz the Towns part to be paid to Peter Green Town  
 Treasurers by the last day of February Instant & the  
 Countys part to be paid to the Hon<sup>ble</sup> John Handley  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> by the last of March Next.

Here follows the Account of the Town of Lancaster with  
 Peter Green Town Treasurers

Peter Green Town Treasurers to the Town of Lancaster D<sup>r</sup>  
 To the balance that remained in his Hands last year appears  
 by the accounts Adjusted in the Book £261. 18. 11  
 Cash Recd. of the severall Constables for the Year 1766 159. 19. 11  
 £421. 18. 6

By Supra C<sup>m</sup> by sundry Orders Drawn by the Select  
 men & Bridge Committee viz  
 by an Order in fav<sup>r</sup> of Jon<sup>s</sup> Knight for schooling £4. 14. 1  
 Ditto in fav<sup>r</sup> of John Warner for schooling 2. 15. 0  
 D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of a sa Whetcomb for schooling 1. 8. 7  
 D<sup>o</sup> in fav<sup>r</sup> of Oliver Pown for plank 9. 0.  
 D<sup>o</sup> of Jon<sup>s</sup> Fairbank his expenses when Select man 4. 0.  
 Car<sup>d</sup> Over £9. 10. 8



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£ 10. 8.

by an Order in favour of Jon <sup>a</sup> Prescott for schooling	2. 0. 4.
D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup> de Manasseh Dwole for work at the Bridge	0. 15. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup> of Benj <sup>a</sup> Wilder for 8 String pieces	1. 4. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Wilder for schooling	1. 12. 9.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Oliver & Moor for making Rats	1. 10. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Asa Whetstone for keeping a poor Child	3. 1. 8.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jabez Fairbanks for 3 String pieces	0. 6. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Wilder for schooling	0. 11. 5.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Abijah Willard for keeping school master	9. —. —.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Daniel Albert Jr. for keeping a poor child	1. 8. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Tho <sup>s</sup> Willard for plank & Timber	2. 14. 8.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Tho <sup>s</sup> Willard for schooling	1. 2. 8.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Henry Haskel Jr. for Timber	1. 8. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Josiah Ballard for schooling	2. 4. 4.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joseph Ballard for Ditto	3. 6. 8.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Abner Phelps for Work at the Bridge	0. 5. 3.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of John Wheelock for keeping Abigail Woodbury	4. 8. 9.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Solomon & Wrighton for schooling	1. 18. 4.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Oliver Phelps for Work at the Bridge	0. 3. 7.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Nath <sup>l</sup> Wyman for Work at the Bridge	3. 13. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Col <sup>o</sup> Willard for Work at the Bridge	2. 16. 6.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jeremiah Haskel for Work at the Bridge	0. 3. 0.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Wm Phelps for Work at the Bridge	0. 14. 2.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Knight for keeping a poor Child	4. 3. 2.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Henry Haskel for keeping a poor Child	1. 4. —.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jerob <sup>t</sup> Haskel for Warning persons out of town	1. 3. 5.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>a</sup> Whitney for Work at the Bridge	1. 7. —.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of John Beman for Work at the Bridge	0. 6. 6.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jacob Bennett for Work for Jon <sup>a</sup> Rugg	1. 4. —.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Willm Tooker for schooling	0. 19. 9.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Doc Phelps for Work at the Bridge	0. 3. 7.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Granny Whit for Deliv <sup>r</sup> of Mid <sup>w</sup> Milborne	0. 5. 1.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Christopher & Good for his Boys Rats	0. 11. 4.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joseph Wheelock for Work at the Bridge	0. 17. 10.
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Abel Willard for his House & Land for Rugg and making Rats	3. 2. 6.
Carried forward	70. 8. 4.



Pro<sup>ss</sup> forward

£70. 8. 4. 3

By an order in favour of W <sup>m</sup> Abigail Carter for service done the town	1. 4. 10. 1
Ditto in fav <sup>r</sup> of W <sup>m</sup> Abigail Carter for a cow for son <sup>r</sup> Drugg	3. 2. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Joseph White for Work at the Bridge	1. 3. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of John Phelps for Work at the Bridge	0. 1. 2. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of W <sup>m</sup> Tooker for Schooling	1. 18. 4. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>s</sup> Knight for keeping a poor Child	4. 6. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of John White for two string pieces	0. 14. 0
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>s</sup> Knight for Pollard & Goodenow's Rate	0. 19. 8. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>s</sup> Knight for Matthew Knight's Rate	0. 4. 4
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Simon Willard for Schooling	1. 2. 1. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Amos Knight for Pork & meat for the poor	0. 10. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Levi Houghton for Boarding school master	11. 14
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Col <sup>l</sup> Willard for making Rate, & taking Invoice	1. 15. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Col <sup>l</sup> Willard for Timber	1. 14. 10
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Daniel Jewell for his sons Rates Under age	0. 10. 6. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of John Warner for keeping school	2. 15. 0
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Asa Wilder for schooling	2. 8. 11. 3
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Ditto for schooling	0. 15. 0. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for Blank	2. 0. 3. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Zeb <sup>l</sup> Moor for one string piece	0. 6
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for schooling	1. 12. 8
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Levi Houghton for Work at the Bridge	0. 04. 9. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Jon <sup>s</sup> Bennett for Linkfield Rate	0. 10. 6. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Benj <sup>l</sup> Houghton for Rate, for at Keene	0. 10. 6. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of H <sup>l</sup> Gates for making Rate	1. 6. 8. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of the Sawyer for Schooling	0. 7. 5. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Aaron Sawyer for Schooling	1. 13. 7. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Col <sup>l</sup> Carter for Supporting the poor	2. 0. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Sam <sup>l</sup> Thurston Goodenow's Rate	0. 11. 4. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Moses Rice for Schooling	1. 17. 4
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Eliza White for Work at the Bridge	0. 11. 5. 2
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Abijah Wyman for Work at the Bridge	1. 8. 6. 1
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Capt. Gates for drawing timber for the Bridge	0. 18
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Sam <sup>l</sup> Thurston for schooling	1. 2. 4
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Israel Houghton for keeping school	8. 0. 0
D <sup>o</sup> in fav <sup>r</sup> of Robert Fletcher for keeping school	0. 8. 9

Carried over

£139. 1. 2. 0







Whereas  
Then we in his Majesties Name do will & require  
all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Lancaster  
that have an Estate of Freehold of Land within the Province  
or Senectory of forty shillings of a year at least, or other  
Estate to the Value of forty Pounds sterling, to meet  
and assemble at the Meeting House in the first precinct  
in Lancaster aforesaid on Wednesday the Twentieth day  
of May Instant at one of the Clock in the Afternoon then  
& there to elect & Depute one or more persons to represent  
said Town in the Great & General Court, or assembly  
appointed to be convened & held & kept for his Majesties  
service at the Court House in Boston on Wednesday the  
Twenty seventh day of May Instant & so de die in  
diem During their Session or Sessions

1<sup>st</sup> To Chuse Moderator & Regulate said meeting  
2<sup>d</sup> To see whether the Town will grant money to build the  
Bridge by Doct. Prentices Intervail & in what manner  
they will build it or let it out

3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will allow to dig the Channel and  
Doct Prentices Intervail for High way work

4<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will do any thing to get rid of the  
charge of keeping Hannah Harris & the Wid<sup>ow</sup>  
Harmers Son

By order of the Select men

Lancaster May 2<sup>d</sup> 1767

Levi Willard Town Clerk

True Copy & Levi Willard Town Clerk



At a Legall meeting held at Lanes after on the Twentieth  
 day of May A.D. 1767 at one of the Clock in the Afternoon,  
 1<sup>st</sup> Chose Willm Richardson Esq Moderator  
 2<sup>d</sup> The second Article in the warrant was put to Vote and it  
 was voted not to Act any thing Upon it  
 3<sup>d</sup> The third Article was put to Vote & it passed in the Negative  
 4<sup>th</sup> The fourth Article is likewise Dismissed  
 William Richardson Moderator

at a Town meeting held at the meeting House in the  
 first precinct in Lanes after the Twentieth day of May  
 at one of the Clock in the Afternoon by adjournment from  
 the second day of March last

8<sup>th</sup> Article Voted not to be Acted Upon

Voted on the fifth Article to Raise two Hundred pounds  
 to be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town of Lanes after  
 to be worked out on High ways & Bridges in said Lanes after  
 & that every man be allowed 2<sup>d</sup> day, Cart & horse one shilling

8<sup>th</sup> Article voted not to be Acted Upon

9<sup>th</sup> Article voted not to be Acted Upon

10<sup>th</sup> Article the Town voted they would not Act upon it

11<sup>th</sup> Article the Town voted not to Act Upon it

William Richardson Moderator

a true Copy

Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



Worcester. To the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Lancaster Legally assembled to their Town again.

In his Majesty's name you are required to me  
at the Meeting House in the Second Precinct in said  
Town on Monday the Seventh Day of September next at ten  
o'clock in the afternoon there to be met on the following, An-

int. To Chumma Moderator for said Meeting -

1<sup>st</sup> To see if the Town are now willing that Shrewsbury Legg  
should be annexed to Lancaster or was voted in the year 1748

2<sup>nd</sup> To see if the Town will allow the charge that has arisen in  
supporting the French People that belonged to this Town in  
sickness & grant money for the same -

3<sup>rd</sup> To see if the Town will buy a book to keep the Town Records in -

N.B. all the Inhabitants in the Town of Lancaster are Desired  
to give their Invoive to the Select men the above & are

N.B. by mistake the Warrent for - By Order of the Select men  
the first Parish said the meeting } Levi Willard Town Clerk  
was to be in the first Parish - otherwise  
in the above form  
Lancaster August 7<sup>th</sup> 1767  
a true Copy

To Levi Willard Town Clerk

September 7. 1767 The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
Town of Lancaster being Legally assembled & met at the Meeting  
House in the Second Precinct in said Town and in the first  
Place made choice of David of good Esq. Moderator

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted on the Second Article to see if the Town were willing  
that Shrewsbury Legg be annexed to Lancaster or was Voted in  
March 1748 & it passed in the affirmative

3<sup>rd</sup> Voted on the third Article that the charge that has arisen  
in shipping of the French People & their sickness be left  
with the Select men

4<sup>th</sup> Voted to Dismiss the other Articles  
David of good Moderator

a true Copy  
Attest Levi Willard Town Clerk



messrs. To the Fireholders & other Inhabitants of the Town  
of Lancaster Legally Qualified to Manage Affairs Concerning

You are hereby Required in his Majesties Name  
to Meet at the meeting House in the first Precinct  
in Lancaster On Monday the Twenty first Day of  
December Instant at One of the Clock in the afternoon  
there & there to Act on the following Articles

- 1<sup>st</sup> To Choose a Moderator for said Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To See if the Town will Vote not to purchase such Articles  
as they shall think Unnecessary
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will Act upon the Request of Elisha  
White & others to see if the Town will Vote not to have  
Shrewsbury Legs Annexed to Lancaster

By Order of the Select Men  
J<sup>r</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk

Lancaster Decem<sup>r</sup> 1. 1767 -

At a Meeting of the Fireholders & other Inhabitants  
of the Town of Lancaster Legally Assembled in the  
first Precinct in P<sup>o</sup> Town on Monday the Twenty  
first Day of December 1767

- 1<sup>st</sup> Voted & chose David S<sup>r</sup> Good Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator
- 2<sup>d</sup> Voted that the Town will take all prudent and Legal  
measures to encourage the produce and Manufacture  
of this Province
- 3<sup>d</sup> Voted to Dismiss the third Article, the Petition of  
Elisha White & others

David S<sup>r</sup> Good Moderator

a True Copy

J<sup>r</sup> Levi Willard Town Clerk







